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# Tories divided as Nimrod looks doomed

Ministers were bracing themselves last night for a week of furious parliamentary assault as the dispute over the choice of Britain's early warning radar system for the RAF developed into the most politically damaging defence row since Westland.

The Conservative Party is split on whether the Govern-ment should back the British Nimrod system built by GEC, on which £960 million of public money has already been spent, or the American

Boeing E3-Awacs system. Mr James Prior, a former Cahinet Minister who is chairman of GEC, is claiming that the competition has been rigged against the British option, while the RAF is hitting back furiously, saying that he

is impugning its honour.
The Commons Select
Committee on Defence is set to mount an inquiry into how the decision has been taken on Nimrod and Awacs.

Many Tory MPs, while agreeing that the RAF must have the best system, are nervous of the Government choosing against a British company, which has factories in 127 constituencies, and opting for an American prod-uct which is likely to cost at least £500 million more.



● There is £24,000 to be won next Saturday in the The Times Portfolio Gold weekly competition because

there has been no winner for the past two weeks.

Saturday's £4,000 daily prize was won by Dr John Bent of Earls Barton, Northampton. Details page 3.

£4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list page 22, how to play, information service, page 18.

# **Bokassa** faces the evidence

Witnesses begin today to testify in the trial of the former self-proclaimed Emperor of the Central African Republic, Jean-Bedel Bokassa, on charges including mass murder and cannibalism Page 10

# TIMES SPORT

Bruno chance Britain's Frank Bruno has been offered the chance to meet Mike Tyson for the world heavyweight championship if the American boxer hecomes the undisputed

Page 30 Liverpool third Liverpool, the Football

League champions, moved into third place in the first division as they defeated struggling Chelsea 3-0 in yesterday's televised match at Anfield Page 30

America II out America 11, the New York Yacht Club's \$20 million entry in the America's Cup, will not contest the final for the first time in 135 years after being beaten by New Zealand Page 28

# TIMES BUSINESS Pav warning

Wages and salaries in manufacturing industry are rising far faster in Britain than major competitors, according to a management consultant

# Japan's record Japan is now third in the

European car sales league after taking a record 12 per cent market share in the first nine months of this year Page 19

# Tax cut plan

The Government is studying a plan to cut the basic tax rate rather than raise the general

level of allowances 1250
Home News 2-5 Overseas 6-10 Arts 11 Births, deaths marriages 17 Business 19-23 Court 16 Crosswords 12-18 Two Report 23 Weather 1

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# By Robin Oakley and Peter Davenport Meanwhile the Labour Party, mindful of the parallels

with the Westland affair this time last year, is demanding that the Government goes for the British-made option, which virtually everyone in Parliament believes it will reject, first at a meeting of the Cabinet's Defence and Overseas Policy Committee on

James Prior: claims contest was rigged

Wednesday and then at the full Cabinet on Thursday.
There is little sign of Nimrod support in the Cabinet. Hopes that Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, would back the GEC option

on the ground of cost have been dashed. Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, is expected to be almost a lone voice in favour of GEC.

More than 100 Tory MPs have signed a Commons mo-tion backing Boeing if that is best for the RAF.

The Opposition Front

Bench will to-day call for an immediate Commons statement, saying that it would be intolerable for Parliament not to be told of the Government's intentions until Thursday, the day before Christmas recess. In a series of weekend interviews, Mr Prior said that

it would be "absolutely disgraceful" if the Government chose Awaes. He accused the Defence Ministry of irresponsibility in its handling of the affair and called the treatment of his company a major scandal".

He accused Service officers of hias in favour of Boeing and demanded that the decision should be delayed for some months while an independent assessment was conducted.

Mr Prior complained that

GEC should have been allowed to see the assessment by the Ministry of Defence equip-ment policy committee, which had apparently sealed its fate

on December 4.

Ministers are convinced that the Cabinet will on Thursday endorse a call from Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, to back Awacs. Privately they echoed the suggestion from a Boeing spokesman that Mr Prior was merely a bad loser.

Contrary to views that the two systems were neck and neck, the decision of the equipment policy committee was, according to one source, one of the easiest ever made on technical grounds.

Some reports said that the technical assessment considered by the equipment policy committee had come down "devastatingly against" Nim-rod and that the Awacs system was superior in range, target-ing and in dealing with newly developed "stealth" technology.

Mr Prior insists that Nimrod can meet all the RAFs performance targets, that it can be delivered sooner than the Boeing Awacs - since the airframes are already built and that it will be cheaper. He has said that the de-

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# Big boost planned for jobless scheme

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

government scheme to persuade unemployed people to set up in business on their

The Enterprise Allowance Scheme, under which the unemployed are given £40 a week for a year on starting up their own businesses, to cushion them against the loss of their social security benefits, has become the most important part of the Government's employment stimulation measures.

Including the pilot scheme begun in 1982, more than 190,000 businesses have now been set up under the scheme and two out of three have survived, a remarkably high

percentage.
The Government now offers, through the Manpower Services Commission, 85,000 places on the scheme. But they are already implementing a

Ministers are planning a 25 promise in this year's Budget per cent increase in the to increase the number to 100,000. Now employment ministers are to press the Treasury for funds to increase the scheme by about another

25,000 places. Unusually, they are unlikely to meet too much resistance. One of the benefits of the scheme to the Government is that of all the job creation initiatives, only extra employment created by the Loan Guarantee Scheme works out cheaper in terms of cost per

It is reckoned that each new job created on the Enterprise Allowance Scheme costs about £2,600, compared with an annual cost to the Exchequer of more than £5,000 for every person on the unemployment register. And for every 100 businesses begun under the scheme an additional 99 jobs have been created on average.



# phoenix rises from ashes

By Ian Smith Northern Correspondent

The protective arm guiding a pensioner through the crowds at the Valley Parade stadium at Bradford yesterday epitomized the courage which has conquered Europe's worst

football disaster. Mr David Hustler, aged 47, an assistant supermarket manager, and Mrs Kathleen Kelly, aged 70, were attending the inaugural ceremony to mark the £2.6 million rebuilding of Bradford City Football Club, where 56 spectators died when the stadium caught fire on May 11 last year.

Like others among the crowd of 15,500 somberly queneing to pass through the turnstiles they were there to pay tribute to the men, women and children who died and to celebrate victory over disaster. For Mr Hustler and Mrs

Kelly it was a poignant moment. The last time his arm was around her shoulder was when he stood among the stadium flames and threw her bodily over a protective wall. Both still bear the scars of that

"We are just both glad to be back," said Kathleen as she squeezed her rescuer's hand. Mr Justice Popplewell, who chaired the inquiry into the disaster, officially opened the new stand and overhead a light aircraft flew past trailing a streamer proclaiming, "Bradford's Bouncing Back".

The club's chairman, Mr Stafford Heginbotham, surveyed the ground, focused on the new stadium's expanse of 5,500 orange and yellow seats safeguarded by close-circuit television and magnetic exit door-locking controls, a newly covered Kop and contained terracing.

He knew it was a glib phrase, he said, but made no excuse for describing the scene as a phoenix which had risen out of the ashes.

The rebuilding and renovation cost £2.6 million but for the spectators who stood with minds numbed by memories, voices choked by emotion as they sang "Abide With Me", it was a small price to pay.

Leading an England celebrity XI on to the field came the

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# MI5 rows not to be

pursued By Our Political Editor

Labour's Front Bench will not be making a major effort to pursue further allegations, made at the weekend, that MI5 plotted to oust the former Labour Prime Minister Mr Harold Wilson in 1974.

Yesterday's Observer claimed that the Peter Wright memoirs, now the subject of protracted court action by the British Government in Australia, reveal that two Conservative Members of Parliament, one of them still a member of the Commons, were involved with the plot.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, the Lahour MP for Workington who is leading the backbench attack on the Government's attempts to have Mr Wright's memoirs banned, claimed yesterday that the book reveals that MI5 "burgled and bugged all over London" in their efforts to discredit the Labour Prime

the Conservative MP still in the Commons named and call for a judicial inquiry into the allegations about the plot against the then Mr Wilson. Continued on page 18, col 8

# abducted Swiss couple at border

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Two Swiss nationals who were seized by South African Government agents in Swazibeen a factor in prompting the South African decision to hand the couple back. Announcing the decision yesterday, Mr Botha said that land last Friday were returned 10 Swaziland yesterday. in view of "the special circum-

They were abducted in armed raids on houses in Mbabane, the Swazi capital, and Manzini, the small king-dom's main industrial centre.

The seizure of Mr Daniel Schneider, aged 29, a commercial artist, and his fiancée, Miss Corinne Bischoff, aged 25, an assistant hotel manageress, provoked sharp protests from the Swazi and Swiss governments.

Mr R F "Pik" Botha, the South African Foreign Min-ister, said on Friday that the couple had been detained because of evidence that they were involved with the out-lawed African National Congress "in the spheres of vio-lence and intelligence".

Swaziland's Prime Min-ister, Mr Sotja Dlamini, said on Friday night: "I strongly condemn these illegal acts of aggression and urge the Gov-ernment of the Republic of South Africa to desist from violating oor sovereignty and to respect Swaziland's commitment to peace."

According to sources in Mbabane, the Swazi Cabinet considered closing the South African trade mission in Swaziland in protest against the raids, a threat which may have

# be released on Friday night. Mine blasts, page 6 **Exports at** best level for months

stances of this case" and the

good relations" which South

Africa enjoyed with Switzer-

land and Swaziland, the Gov-ernment had "come to the conclusion that it would be in

South Africa's best interests to

send the two people back to

Mr Botha gave a warning

however, that Pretoria would

not besitate in future to take

action against elements within

the country and in its neigh-

bouring states which endang-

Mr Schneider and Miss Bischoff were released at about noon yesterday at the

Oshoek border post, 12 miles

from Mbabane, and met by a

friend in a private car. The

couple said they had been well

treated but intensively inter-rogated about their alleged connections with the ANC.

According to Swazi sources, two people were killed in Friday's raids, one of them a

boy aged 13, the son of Mr

Danger Nyoni, an assistant

manager at a restaurant in

Mbabane who was kidnapped

and taken to the Transvaal

town of Middelburg, only to

ered South Africa's security.

Swaziland today."

By Edward Townsend Industrial Correspondent Export orders for British manufactured goods are at their best level for nine months, the Confederation of

British Industry said yesterday. The employers' organiza-tion says that more than 20 per cent of firms regard their orders from overseas as being

above normal and gives as the main reason the depreciation of the pound since the sum-But Sir Terence Beckett, the CBI director general, said there was no magic formula for an increased British share

of world markets and urged continuing reduction in costs, particularly wages. Meanwhile, a survey of London's key shopping streets by Hillier Parker, chartered

surveyors, reveals that retailing is flourishing in Central London with tourists forming the majority of shoppers. Hillier Parker says that rising real incomes and an increase in tourist spending has accounted for franticactivity in the market.

Dr Russell Schiller, the firm's head of research, said that Oxford Street is booming. Industry boost, page 19

# Outbreak of violence kills 54 in Karachi

Karachi (Reuter) — At least 54 people were killed and 310 injured yesterday in the worst outbreak of ethnic violence in the recent history of Karachi, doctors and witnesses said.
Witnesses said that crowds
dragged women and children

from their homes and beat them, tossed teenagers into blazing houses and stabbed young boys.

An emergency was declared at all hospitals in the city and urgent appeals were broadcast for blood donors.

Doctors at one hospital said 28 bodies had been brought

there and there was no room for more injured. Firemen said 350 shops and

houses in the Orangi Town suburb had been set on fire. The Government said 40 people had been killed and 156 injured.

Troops with shoot-on-sight orders rushed to enforce curfews in several areas and quell the violence, which erupted on the third day of a major sweep against drug and arms traffickers in Sohrab Goth, a predominantly Pashtun suburo. Troops and police scaled off the area on Friday and have been conducting house-to-house searches. The Government said it had already confiscated 230 kilograms of

Residents of Orangi Town told reporters by telephone that Pashtuns from north-west Pakistan had gone on the rampage, attacking members of the rival Mohajir community and setting fire to more than 100 shops and bouses.

At least 58 people were killed in rioting last month between Pashtuns and

Pashtun leaders have threatened to paralyse Ka-rachi if the drugs-and-arms operation is not halted.

Mohajirs.

# cost the NHS up to £30m' By Thomson Prentice Science Correspondent

The cost to the National Health Service of treating Aids patients could be as high as £30 million in the next two years, according to a report

published today.

The spread of the disease could lengthen NHS waiting lists for patients with other conditions, the report says.

The current cost of treating an Aids sufferer until death has been estimated at about £6.800. That amount is four times the cost of a hip replacement operation and about the same as the first year expense of a kidney transplant, according to the report by the Office of Health Economics.

The current spending on Aids treatment is about £2 million, but by 1988 that figure could rise to between £20 and £30 million, the report by Mr Nicholas Wells, associate director of the OHE,

says.
The report warns that should the Government's new Aids education campaign fail, it may "force the introduction of compulsory screening, isolation and other un-desirable procedures."

The Aids Virus: Forecasting Its Impact, (OHE, 12 Whitehall, London SWIA 2DY; £1.) The British Medical Association will this week call on the Government to screen thou-sands of patients going in to hospital for routine operations to see if they carry the Aids

virus. Pregnant women, patients in casualty after road ac-cidents, and people going to GP surgeries or hospitals for diagnostic tests, would also be screened under the BMA plan.

carried out without patients consent, but no records would be kept that would permit identification.
The BMA's initiative fol-

The screening would be

lows mounting concern among doctors over uncertain estimates of the number of Aids carriers. • The North West Thames bealth region is having to treat

half of all Aids patients in the United Kingdom. Up to the end of last month a total of 599 cases of Aids had been reported to the DHSS -

and 299 cases were in the The latest regional Aids breakdown shows that North East Thames had 94 reported cases, the second highest number. Then comes South East Thames (43), South West Thames (25), North Western (23). Northern (19), Scotland (13), Wessex (13) and West

Midlands (12).

• Legalizing drugs and prostitution may belp curb the spread of Aids, the new Bishnp of Edinburgh, the Rt Rev Richard Holloway, said yesterday.



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### Even if it was drawn by Minister and ensure that be yesterday he was convinced by Rembrandt, Mr Russell would lost the election. both physical and stylistic estimate its market value at £25,000. sketch at auction in Amster-Today he will seek to have characteristics of the drawing dam two weeks ago, says that

Nicolaes Maes, one of

Sketch draws conflicting views

The purchase of a seven-teenth century drawing by the British Museum has started a conflict among art experts over whether it is a valuable Rembrandt, or a lesser work by one of his pupils. The museum, which paid £3,500 for the black chalk

himself and therefore may be worth up to £250,000. Christie's, which valued the drawing at between £1,000 said another leading expert display a and £2,500, maintains that it believed it to be the work of February.

here for Britain for medical

poems composed during four

In an interview frequently

interrupted by her painful,

rasping cough, a legacy of the Guiag, she told The Times

that many of her new poems -

including some about political

prisoners - had been written

with charred matchstick on

bars of soan because the penal

authorities had denied her

access to pen or paper.

regime labour camp.

treatment.

From Christopher Walker, Kiev

dered by many Western critics write anything except a piece

to be one of the finest living of paper appealing for clem-Soviet poets, will soon leave ency, which I refused to sign

She will be carrying in her in her book-lined flat in the

years and one month spent in thick bars of soap and washed

a Soviet prison and a strict- them away when I had com-

head some 150 unpublished first account of her ordeal.

Irina Ratushinskaya, consi- "They did not want me to

it was drawn by Rembrandt

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent is more likely to have been the work of a student — and both sides quote renowned authorities to support their claims.
Mr Martin Royalton-Kisch,

the assistant keeper of Dutch and Flemish prints and drawings at the museum, said that it was a genuine Rem-

However, Mr Francis Russell, a director of Christie's,

because I had nothing to apol-

ogize for," she told The Times

"So I wrote my poems on

mitted them to memory. It

was hard, but it was the only

Mrs Ratushinskaya, aged

32 who has regained most of

the 44 lb she lost in the camp,

looked frail and in poor

health. She is suffering from a

number of serious medical

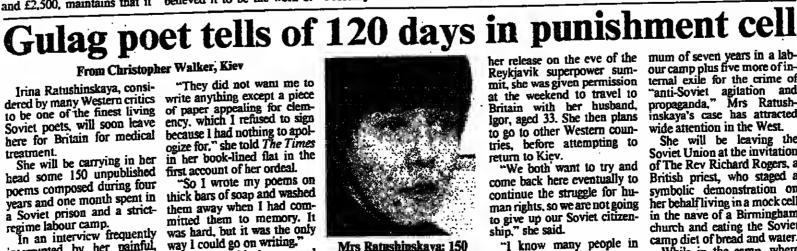
problems as the result of her

ordeal, including heart and chest ailments, which she has

way I could go on writing."

Rembrandt's most gifted pu-pils, while Mr Russell, himself a connoisseur of Old Master drawings, thinks it was drawn by another pupil, Ferdinand

The public will have an opportunity to judge for itself when the drawing goes on display at the museum in



Mrs Ratushinskaya: 150 memorized poems.

refused to have treated by

Soviet doctors. "I went in as a healthy woman, bot they soon put a stop to that," she explained. After 16 visits to the immigration authorities since

Reykjavik superpower sum-mit, she was given permission ternal exile for the crime of at the weekend to travel to "anti-Soviet agitation and Britain with her husband, propaganda," Mrs Ratush-Britain with her husband, Igor, aged 33. She then plans to go to other Western countries, before attempting to return to Kiev. "We both want to try and come back here eventually to continue the struggle for hu-

man rights, so we are not going to give up our Soviet citizenship," she said. "I know many people in Britain have fought on my behalf and I am looking for-

ward to thanking them pers-Partly because she is a

onally. Christian, and also because she was the first woman ever to be sentenced to the maxi-

her release on the eve of the mum of seven years in a labinskaya's case has attracted wide attention in the West. She will be leaving the Soviet Union at the invitation

of The Rev Richard Rogers, a British priest, who staged a symbolic demonstration on her behalf living in a mock cell in the nave of a Birmingham church and eating the Soviet camp diet of bread and water. While in the camp, where she staged 15 different hunger strikes in protest against vari-

ous aspects of the inhumane

treatment, she said she spent

120 days and nights in a freezing punishment cell. Continued on page 18, col 7

Support for Dr Garret FitzGerald's Fine Gael party is at a record low as the Republic of Ireland prepares for a gen-

eral election expected early next year.

The Prime Minister's personal popularity has also fallen, while Mr Charles Haughey enjoys a 12-point lead

as the man most would prefer as leader.

An opinion poll, published yesterday in the Sanday Independent newspaper, makes grim reading for the Fine Gael-Labour coalition, which last week became a minority

administration.
The poll puts support for Fianna Fail at 51 per cent, Fine Gael at 24 per cent, Progressive Democrats 13 per cent and

# Jobs lost at Stoke

to be lost with the closure of the Russell Hobbs factory at Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent. Production is moving to Burton-on-Trent and Wombourn, near Wolver-

The Nottingham cycle company, TI Raleigh, has ced a further 210 job losses, bringing its total workforce down to less than 1,500.

A hundred and seventy obs are to be created at the Danepark factory in Thet-ford, Norfolk, with the closure of the company's plant at Selby.

# Windsor ban anger

The Ramblers' Association is campaigning for the right to walk one and a-half miles of Thames towpath in Windsor Great

The path, blocked by railings and wire, is part of the Thames Way which the Countryside Commission plans to designate as a long distance footpath between London and the Cotswolds. Rambler, the association's magazine published

today, says Crown Commeissioners refused access "in the interests of security and privacy for the Royal Family".

# Nurse's ear bitten off

Senior officials at a top securiy hospital have launched an inquiry after an incident involving four patients in which a ourse's ear was bitten off and seven other members of staff were injured.

The incident occured on Saturday at Broadmoor

Hospital, Crowthorne, Berkshire. The disturbance began in the hospital's punishment block, and extra staff had to be called in to deal with the violence. Eight male nurses had to be taken to Heatherwood Hospital at Ascot. One had part of his ear bitten off by one of the patients.

# Scargill pay 'no

Mr Arthur Scargill (right), president of the National Union of Mineworkers, has decided to reject a 5 per cent pay rise voted to him and other full time officials last week. The union said yesterday

that neither Mr Scargill nor Mr Peter Heathfield, general secretary, would accept the money until union finances were in a sound position and "sacked miners are adequately sup-Mr Scargill earns an

estimated £30,000 a year.



# Brinks Mat charges

The wife of John Fleming, the man Scotland Yard wants was remanded on Saturday on £30,000 bail until February 10, charged with handling £100,000 of the stolen money. Mrs Lesley Fleming, aged 33, a designer, of Wheathill Road, Anerley, south London, appeared at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court. She is also charged with dishonestly handling £539 in and a chequebook and card. Brian Perry, a businessman aged 48, of Biggin Hill, Kent, was remanded in custody until December 19 accused of handling £6 million from Brinks Mat.

# **More derelict sites are** targeted for building

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

week to contioue its drive to force local authorities and nationalized industries to release more derelict land for

It is directing councils in conthern inner city areas to dispose of a further 130 acres. affected in areas including Gatesbead, Middlesbrough. Suoderland, Hull and Black-

Mr John Patten, the Minister for Housing, has already reduced the vacant land register from 150,000 acres to

The Government is this Ministers believe they are now down to the hard-core problem sites.

Mr Patten has made 10 orders forcing sales of derelict land in the past year. He and Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment are taking still wider powers in More than 20 sites will be the current Local Government Bill, to close legal loopholes used by some councils to delay up to 18 mooths in disposing of land after being

ordered to do so. The Government is using the programme of forced land disposals to stimulate low-cost 110.000 with a series of such househuilding and light orders over the past year. commercial development.

# Keep it safe from winter while you're not around



GOING AWAY for a couple of days this Christmas or New Year? Make sure your home is safe from sudden worsening of winter weather while you're away. These simple precautions can help prevent a disastrous start to 1987.

I Leave the central beating system in operation while you're away and keep the temperature control at the oormal level. Alternatively, turn off the water at your main water stop tap and drain the hot and cold water system.

2 Make sure your water pipes and tanks are well lagged.

3 Check that roof tiles, gutters, chimneys and TV aerials are secure.

4 Ask someone to visit your home while you're away to check that everything is OK. Damage by winter weather can run into thousands.

of pounds. So check now that your household insurance has the cover you need. Issued by Sun Alliance in the interest of all householders.



### Heart used of dady dorn with he iss disruption Although a code of ethics seriously consider the issue before deciding whether to on very young babies in recent then attached to a mechanical ventilator in the normal way

By Jill Sherman Doctors at Harefield Hospital have denied that a baby born without a brain was kept alive artificially as a heart

transplant donor. Mrs Tara Sharrick, duty officer at the hospital in west London, confirmed yesterday that a heart transplant had been carried out using an anencephalie child - a baby without a brain - as a donor.

She said the baby had died naturally shortly after birth and then was put on to a ventilator to keep the heart

**Ombudsman** 

may protect

trade union

members

An ombudsman to protect this week will urge the the interests of trade union Government to consolidate members is among measures the gains already made and to the Government has looked at press ahead with more re-

to curb unions which abuse forms of the trade union

The recent dispute over the

Civil and Public Services

Association ballot has been

the final straw that caused

ministers to treat the matter

Lord Young of Graffham,

Secretary of State for Employ-

ment, has hinted that tougher

curbs on unions are on the

Among the enforcement

measures to protect trade

unioo members who hesitate

to take action against their

own union when they feel their rights have been in-fringed Lord Young is consid-ering the appointment of an

ombudsman to ensure that

rights are properly acknowl-

The list of proposed new measures, to be published after Christmas, will also in-

dude protection against union

discipline for employees who

continue to work during a strike, or after a strike has

There will be proposals for

greater control over union funds by the membership. The

Government believes that

members of a union should

have access to information

about the funds and to the

professional advice that will

allow the right questions to be

The Government is anxious

independently controlled pos-

tal ballots. Ministers are con-

are being made by what is

believed to be a chaotic sys-

tem, and that some trade

unions still refuse to change

their procedures for electing

The measures meet with

broad agreement from the

Institute of Directors, which

Seven held as

police find

1,200lb bomb

Seven people were being questioned yesterday after police discovered a 1,200 lb

bomb on a van in a Northern

The bomh was intercepted

as it was being driven between

Omeath and Newry in Co Down, where the Royal Ulster

Constabulary suspects it was to be planted as part of a

The device, one of the

largest yet discovered in the

province, was made safe by

army bomb disposal experts

who worked throughout Sat-

The seven people being held at Gough Barracks in Armagh

City were detained at vehicle

checkpoints after the bomb

was discovered during a rou-

tine RUC check of vehicles in

border areas.

urday night to defuse it.

terrorist Christmas blitz.

Ireland border area.

their executive committee.

to see the introduction of to beavy compensation."

eeroed that important institute calls on the Govern-

with urgency.

while the heart was removed The baby was not kept alive." The anti-abortion organization Life has said it will ask the police to question the doctors at Harefield about the

Mr John Scarisbrick, the organization's chairman, said: "If the baby was not officially dead then it was alive and removing his heart is mur-

The transplant operation was carried out within the last few weeks by Professor Magdi Mrs Sharrick said: "The Yacoub, the transplant surbaby lived for a few hours and geon who has performed four with anencephalic child that then died naturally. It was heart or heart/lung transplants the baby was brain dead.

movement before the next

A discussion paper which is

being sent to Lord Young calls on him to legislate on trade union secret ballots and the

other "key areas" of the closed

The institute insists that

experience has shown work-

place balloting to be open to

manipulation and abuse. The

law should be amended, they

say, to ensure that when ballots are required by legisla-

tion they are always held by

The iostitute points out that

in spite of restrictions in the

Employment Act 1982, which established the principle that

closed shops must be ap-proved by secret ballots, the

closed shop still exists and

that it is still possible, in

theory, for an employee to be

Sir John Hoskyns, the

institute's director general, said: "The principle of trade

union democracy requires

that unions are voluntary

associations; closed shops turn this principle on its head

and make them compulsory.

so that dismissal for non-

membership of a trade union is in future 'unfair' and subject

The third proposal from the

ment to legislate to make remaining trade union immu-

nities conditional on the

observance of an agreed or

reasonable disputes proce-

dure. When that does not

exist, perhaps because a trade

union had refused to co-

operate, the insistute suggests

that a "model procedure"

Woman pilot

seriously ill

after crash

who survived a crash in north-

east London was seriously ill

in The London Hospital

Mrs Elaine Fraser, aged 43, of Becketts, Hertford,

Hertfordshire was described

Her passenger in the Toma-hawk Piper, Mrs Barbara

Sharp, a stockbroker in the

City, aged 34, of Sherrads Park Road, Welwyn Garden

City, died when the plane plunged into a factory wall in Walthamstow on Saturday.

The two women, both li-

cenced pilots, had flown to-

gether several times before.

They took off from

Paoshaoger Airfield io

The Department of Trans-

Hertfordshire.

as stable but very ill.

The pilot of a light aircraft

sbould be applied.

The law should be changed

ship of a trade union.

post and in secret.

shop and procedure agree-

years. it was the first time he had carried out an operation on an anencephalic child at Harefield but the hospital said that Professor Yacoub aimed to

carry out similar operations. Mrs Sharrick emphasized that the parents of both the donor child and the recipient had agreed to the operation.

Reports of the operation have added to the debate over the definition of brain death in children. Dr Richard Nicholson, from the Institute of Medical Ethics, claimed that there was no way of telling

was drawn up by the Joint Medical Royal Colleges in 1974 this does not cover a child with this defect. Dr John Dawson, Secretary

of the British Medical Association's Ethical Committee, said the code covered a series of tests carried out by someone not related to the trans-

Dr Dawson said: "This appropriate for a 25-year-old who suffers irreversible brain damage following a car accident. There is no similarity between this situation and a child with no brain."

He said that the ethical committee would need to

exceptional.

support this type of operation. Paediatricians yesterday tried to reassure parents that the transplant performed by Professor Yacoub was

Dr James Appleyard, a paediatrician at Canterbury Hospital, Kent, said: "All mothers are tested during pregnancy to see whether their child is an anencephalie, in the same way as testing for spina bifida, and many then decide to terminate the pregnancy." A report in The Lancet last

week said that one baby in every 1,000 to 2,000 is born with anencephaly.

# **Teachers** pay vote by events

The two biggest teaching unions will announce this week the results of ballots on the pay and conditions package proposed by the local authority employers in England and Wales.

On Thursday the National

Association of Schoolmas-ters/Union of Women Teaehers is boping to announce that a majority of its members have followed an executive recommendation and voted

But on Friday, when the two sides meet again, the employ-ers will tell the six teaching unions that part of the pay agreement will have to be postponed to keep it within the Government's cash limit, and that the proposed management structure of the profession will have to be altered to try to meet the Government's requirements.

likely to accept the changes in the hope of preventing the Government from imposing its own solution.

The teachers and their employers are hoping to embarrass the Government by ratifying the agreement at a full meeting of the Burnham Committee on January 7.

If the Government does not like the package it will be powerless to do anything about it until the House of Lords has passed the Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill, which was pushed through the Commons last week. The Bill contains a retrospective power to enable the Government to substitute

# overtaken By John Clare Education Correspondent

However, it became clear yesterday that by the end of the week both ballots will have been overtaken by events and may have to be held again. On Tuesday the National

Union of Teachers is expected to announce that a majority of its members have voted to accept the proposal, put together four weeks ago at the conciliation service, Acas.

Most union leaders are

# News International dispute

# Workers flee intimidation

The actors Hywel Bennett and Panla Wilcox attending a me-

morial service yesterday at St Pancras Church, central London, for Mr Michael Croft, National Youth Theafre

director, who died on November 15 (Photograph: Alan Weller) Memorial service, page 16

By Tim Jones

A former member of the print union Sogat '82 has sold his house and moved his family to a secret south coast address because of threats and intimidation from his former colleagues.

A workmate, Mr Tony McArdle, is confined to his home suffering from nervous

anxiety brought about because he disagreed with the imposition of a "voluntary" levy in support of former employees of News International who went on strike and were dismissed.

The men, who worked at the Battersea, south London, depot of John Menzies, the newspaper distributors, and newsagents, claim that the campaign against them was started by a senior member of the union.

The men said they had agreed 10 pay the levy only if it was official union policy voted for by the members.

Mr McArdle has since had The Department of Trans-port is investigating the crash. his car tyres slashed and the tacometer ripped out of the

came in the form of a letter carefully made up of type cut it was agreed that the levy was from newspapers so as to make the sender's identity almost impossible to trace.

His family has been subjected to a series of abusive and obscene telephone calls, most of them received by his wife while be was out.

Mrs McArdle, who declined to give her first name, said yesterday: "The strains have been enormous and my body is covered in a rash because of the anxiety. But in spite of the trauma I believe that what my husband is doing is right."

When Mr McArdle attempted to work normally at the Battersea depot, he was sent to Coventry. Former friends walked away if he sat at their table.

Mr McArdle was also singled out during the miners' strike when he refused to pay a levy, imposed by his Sogat branch committee, because the dispute had not been made official through a ballot. He was twice fined £100 by

after lengthy legal proceedings unlawful, as were the fines. Mr McArdle resigned from

Sogat last month because of the intimidation. When be reported to work at the Battersea depot three union officials told management that Sogat members would not work with non-union labour. The company has a closed

shop agreement with the union, although it was oot established as a result of a vote. Mr McArdle is at bome on

basic pay, which is about £80 a week less than what he would normally earn. His workmate is taking a case of constructive dismissal to an industrial tribunal next month. A spokesman for the com-

sany said that it was aware of Mr McArdle's position and was considering ways of resolving the situation. Seven people were arrested

for public order offences in a demonstration outside the News International plant on Saturday night.

Regional air services

# 13 airports opt for first step to privatization

By Harvey Elliott Air Correspondent

Thirteen airports owned by local authorities are to be registered as companies in what the Government sees as the first step towards towards full-scale privatization.

The local anthorities were given uotil last Friday to tell the Department of Transport how they intended to isolate the first stepping stone totheir airports from local government financing and detail their plans for the setting up of separate companies to run them.

All hut a handful re- company. sponded, in spite of fierce opposition from all sides to the plan.

Mr Michael Spicer, Minister for Aviation, is convinced that financiers and tee of Local Authorities has

money into the airports and help them to build regional air SETVICES.

"The advantages of operating our major airports as fully fledged companies will sooo become apparent," he told a meeting of local authority councillors and officials. "The Government have al-

ways seen this process as being wards partial or full-scale privatization whereby employees, local residents and the wider public have a financial stake in their airport

"For some airport owners. the opportunity for full-scale privatization will be too good to resist."

The Joint Airport Commit-

resisted the plans since they able to fly out on holiday or on were first published in the Airports Act, which paved the way for the privatization of the British Airports Authority.

"All the local authorities who ruo airports, whether they be Conservative, Labour of Alliance-controlled, agreed that any local authority which wanted to should be able to obtain private finance, but those who did not should be able to remain as they were. Some authorities are still arguing their case and bope to be made exempt from the order," Mr Robert Bird, executive secretary of the committee,

"We do not believe that there is the private finance available locally to support the airports which are essential if regional people are to be

business without having to go through Gatwick or Heath-"For years oow the airports

have been pushing as hard as they can for private capital in the form of franchises on shops and other airport services. But there is no further potential for this to develop because there is no policy to enable regeneration north of Watford. The 13 airports covered by

the Act are those with a revenue of more than £1 million a year. They are Birmingham, Blackpool, Bournemouth, Bristol, Cardiff, East Midlands, Leeds/Bradford, Liverpool, Luton, Newcastle, Norwich, Southend and

Taken together the airports sector borrowing requirement

make a regular surplus which is then either used to invest in new facilities or swallowed up in the town hall "kitty". But a handful, such as Liverpool, make losses which have to be

supported by the rates. The Government wants all local authority airport debts to be isolated and each of the new companies set up under its own right with a clean sheet. Should the town halls then want to support a lossmaking airport through the rates it would have to make such a payment clearly visible.

Should they succeed in attracting at least 51 per cent cash investment in the company from private sources. however, the airport would automatically be withdrawn from the controls of the public

# feared by lawyers By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

New lay tribunals for prison discipline proposed by the Government will fail to command confidence and could cause more prison disruption,

the Law Society says today. In a strong attack on the Government's White Paper on the prison disciplinary system, it says proposed lay tribunals - which exclude lawyers - will not be seen as impartial and independent.

The tragedy is that if the new prison discipline tribunal does not command the confidence of prisoners, this country will cootinue to see disturbances and disruptions in prisons", the society says. The Government has re-

jected the Prior committee which, in its October 1985 report oo the disciplinary system, urged lay panels with legally qualified chairmen.
Prior said lawyers' particip-

ation was essential if the panels were to be fair, and professionally and procedurally competent". The society adds "Prior identified a legal input as the key to command the confidence not only of prisoners

but also of the public and, it might be added, of the legal profession". In its White Paper, the Government says tribunals with legally qualified chair-

man would be too weighty. It also objects that the pool of lawyers from which other judicial appointments are made would be depleted. But the society says disciplinary tribunals, held in a closed system, cannot be equated with magistrates courts.

Second, prisoners are less likely than other defendants to have legal advice or represent-

Third, magistrates courts are served by legally qualified clerks. The government White Paper makes plain there will be such cierks where "necessary or desirable", but the Prior committee doubted whether a clerk service could be provided effectively.

On the Government's claim that there would not be enough lawyers, the society says many would be willing to undertake the task.

On speed and cost, the society estimates legal chair-men may cost only £500,000 more compared with total annual prison service spending of £700 million.
The society also disagrees

with the Government's view that there is no need for a right of appeal, saying it is vital.

# Attack by police on award bar

By Peter Evans Correspondent

Police are angry about a decision by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, to bar them from compensation from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for accidental injuries received while fighting

The decision is criticized in Police, the monthly magazine of the Police Federation, which accuses him of failing to consult the service.

The magazine says: "The police officer who chases a criminal across a high roof in pitch darkness, and falls through a skylight sustaining fatal or serious injuries, will no longer have his case considered.

The crew of the police car killed or seriously burt, speeding to a 999 call knowing that an armed crime is in process, will not be compensated." The origins of growing pol-

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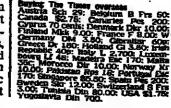
ice frustration lie with an alteration to the criminal injuries compensation scheme in 1979. The change was made to exclude compensation for accidental injuries, except in cases where a claimant was considered to have been taking an exceptional risk.
An inter-departmental wor-

king party of senior Civil Servants was set up in 1984 to review the scheme and reported on November 6. The Police Federation, Associ-ation of Chief Police Officers and the Prisoo Officers' Association all said that the limitation imposed in 1979 was unfair and should be removed

The Home Office told The Times that Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, was meeting the Police Federation on Wednesday.

Ruddock wins

Mrs Joan Ruddock, the former CND chairman, yes-Labour's prospective parliamentary candidate for the safe seat of Deptford, in south-east London, now held by Mr John



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feared by

# Hindley expected at moor search in next few days

to piopoint the graves of Keith Bennett, aged 12, and Pauline

Reade, aged 16. But both the Home Office and the Greater Mancbester's CID head. Det Chief Superintendent Peter Topping, whn visited Hindley for the fifth time last Friday, still insisted yesterday that nn decision has been reached about her return to the moorland east of

Other government sources and high-ranking policemen are equally adamant that plans for the sensitive, high-level security transfer of Hindley from Cnokham Wood prison in Rochester, Kent, to the moor have been

agreed secretly.

They say 300 nfficers, some armed, will seal nff Saddleworth Moor and that Hindley will be taken to the scene either by helicopter nr in an

unmarked police convoy.

If the visit goes ahead, the investigation, described by Mr

tra has firmly rejected a

takeover hid by a rival

London orchestra, and called

for urgent talks oo the issue

The discord was sparked by

proposal at the weekend

from Mr John Willan, manag-

ing director of the London

Philharmonic Orchestra

(LPO), that the two ensembles

be amalgamated under a huld-

ing company cootrolled by the

In a letter to Mr Christopher

Bishnp, managing director of the Philharmonia, he said: If

we were industrial firms, this

Mr Bishop said in a state-

ment "There is no question

whatsoever of the Philhar-

monia Orchestra being taken

He said that the two orchestras had been discussing a

joint plan for working to-

gether, as equal partners, at the Rnyal Festival Hall for the

past three years. He believed that this project would go a

long way to making a decisive

change for good on the

He intended, therefore, tn

A new section on sports aircraft has been included in the latest edition of Jane's All

The section, which runs to

more than 200 of the edition's

970 pages, includes hundreds

of micro-light and racing air-

craft, as well as rotor-wing

Mr John Taylor, the editor, who describes sports aircraft

as "real flying", also defines

the difference between flying

and air travel. "Flying is sheer enjnyment. Travel is getting

from A to B", he says.

In spite of the hig increase in sporting aircraft, the edition

nntes a corresponding decline in the number of two- and

The World's Aircraft.

mini-helicopters.

discuss Mr Willan's "pre- Loodoo Sympho cipitate" actinn with the Arts contract expires.

Jane's guide opens it

pages to 'real flying'

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

over by the LPO."

would be called a takcover."

with the Arts Council.

Myra Hindley will almost certainly visit Saddleworth Moor within the oext few days chester, as part of inter-close to the roadside as posnational murder folklore, sible to allow for a rapid

should end within days.

From the start of the renewed search, the eight body the discovery in 1965 of the detection dogs from three bodies of Lesley Anne Dow-police forces were set to work ney and Juhn Kilbride within within four precise areas, each a stone's throw of the isolated 100ft by 150ft and roped off by road from Saddleworth to white ribboo and red marker Holmfirth in West Yorkshire.

The five German shep-herds two border collies and one black labrador have re-Later the dogs were roaming further afield, working for between twn and three hnurs and then feeding and resting in the police wans when I am turned in those two places again and again, pawing at the

Each time it happens groups of police officers, 15 seconded from the tactical aid group and the other half from the serious crime squad, dig into the peat soil. So far they have unearthed only sheep remains.

search area which extenus to about two miles along either side of the A635, and penetrates about 50 feet into the six years, a feat so far unsurpassed. Whether any nf The police theory is that Ian Brady would have dragged the bodies from the boot of the car ago remains to be seen.

### Orchestra rejects Pubs' soft drinks takeover by rival 'too dear' By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

Associates said that Mr

Bishop had been taken by

surprise by the takeover hid.

Mr Willan had not mentioned

it when the twn directors met to discuss the co-operation project earlier last week, they

The Arts Council has been

pressing for several years for

the four main orchestras in

Londoo to be reduced to

three. In 1984, it announced

that in order to increase

funding for reginnal nr-chestras, in future it would

support only three orchestras

The Arts Council said yes-

terday that it was aware of the

them with the two orchestras.

In his proposal, Mr Willan argued that leading conduc-

tors and soloists were aban-

doning London because the orchestras could not provide adequate fees or rehearsals.

Andre Previo recently an-

oounced his intention to re-

Claudin Abbado is not ex-

the United States.
It says that Cessna has cut

seven, while other companies,

such as Beech, have ceased

production of smaller aircraft.

decline has largely been

caused by a hig rise in product

liability claims in the US. Mr Taylor estimates that

According to Jane's, the

brought them from Lan-

cashire police headquarters at

Hutton, Manchester, and

Until Hindley appears, police dogs will continue to

forage almost randomly in a

West Yorkshire.

The Philharmonia Orches- Council at the earliest possible

opportunity.

in the capital.

By Robin Young

Public houses are charging too much for soft drinks, food and accommodation, according to the new edition of The Good Pub Guide, published

today.
The editor, Mr Alisdair Aird, says that pub prices for food and drink have gone nn rising at 10 per cent or more a year, and that the typical pinughman's lunch has doubled in price, from £1 to £2 or

more, in the past four years. Over the same period, be claims, some inns have nearly doubled their bedroom prices, especially where pubs are used by husiness customers.

Publicans are profiteering. he alleges, when they raise the prices of soft drinks along with latest developments, and looked forward to discussing the price of alcoholic drinks after a tax increase.

Mr Aird says readers also complain that soft drinks are invariably served tepid, and that fizzy drinks from machines do not stand comparison with bottled or canned Other complaints in the

book are directed at the sign as music director of the replacement of simple pub food, such as sandwiches, wi dishes carrying larger profit margins, such as chilli coo carne and lasagne; the poor pected to remain with the Loodoo Symphony when his standard of wine served in pubs; and smoky bars.

The 1987 book gives top three-star awards to three pubs. the Yew Tree at Cauldon, Staffindshire; the White Harse, near Petersfield, Hampshire; and the Fleece, in Bretforton, Hereford and four-seat aircraft, especially in

The award for best bar meal of the year goes to the White Horse at Leiston, Suffolk, its range of models from 60 to althnugh the biggest helpings ever seen were supplied by the Four Points, at Aldworth,

Berkshire. The nomination for liveliest new pub of the year goes to the Oxford Brewhnuse, which brews its nwn beer, bakes its

the additional cost of insuring against legal action had added \$92,000 to the price of a Cessna and \$80,000 to a own bread, and has "excellent The Good Pub Guide 1987
(Consumers' Association and
Hooder & Stoughton;
bookshops or the Subscription Department, Consumers' Association, PO Box 44, Hertford, SG14 ISH; £8.95).

# Beechcraft. Jane's All The World's Aircraft 1986-87. Edited by John W R Taylor (Jane's Publishing Company Ltd; £73). Personal tax reform

# Impasse on wives' equality

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Government's attempt to give both sexes equal treatment in their tax affairs will fail mless Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, door way nf saying that a married woman's place is in is prepared to take on the wrath of many women

This is because Mr Lawson has reached an impasse after consultations on his green paper for reforming personal taxation, with increasing acrimony among women on which of two schemes should Mrs Margaret Thatcher gets

her income tax wrong it will be her husband whn is penalized because the Prime Minister, as n wife, legally does not This system has been the

cause of endless domestic disputes, if not in the Thatcher sebold then in many others. However, there is little disagreement about the need in reform archaic laws, dating back to 1803, under which a woman is treated as a chattel. A firm decision must be

takeo sooo if changes are to be introduced before the computerization of tax records, planned for 1990, which will make reform much more difficult

Mr Lawson is in favour of a transferable tax allowance scheme. A White Paper setting out his plans was scheduled for early next year, with the commitment to reform written into the next general election manifesto. But there is strong opposition from those who see the scheme as a back-

of the Conservative women's organization, which is cam-paigning for equal tax treat-ment for women to be made a

In answers to questionnaires sent out by Miss Nicholson to nearly 60,000 people and groups this year, 70 per cent were in favour of Mr Lawson's

Critics claim that as well as being anti-women, the present law is anti-marriage since 350,000 married couples find themselves paying more tax than two single people hving together. This is because a married couple can obtain only one and a half tax allowances if the wife is not working, while a married woman's income from savings and invest-

husband's income. The law also gives wives no privacy in handling their finances. If the wife is working, married couples benefit be-

ments is taxed as part of her

cause they can claim two-and

a-half tax allowances. Under Mr Lawsnn's scheme, a busband and wife would each be given tax allow-ances. If one partner is not working (for instance, if the the home.

Miss Emma Nicholson, a vice-chairman of the Conservative Party, is meeting Mr Lawson today to urge him to bring in reforms as soon as possible. She has the backing of the Conservative Party is meeting Mr the husband. This means the couple could continue to enjoy two allowances. If the wife returned to work, she could claim her own allowance

The other favoured scheme is for mandatory separate taxation, where tax allowances would be given irrespective of sex or marital status. This could be backed up by in-creased child benefits.

This second scheme is supported by many working women and hy bodies as the Child Poverty Action Groop.

A group of women from a big British company has complained that the Chancellor's scheme might encourage husbands to try to force their wives to stay at home so that they can continue to claim two tax allowances.

It is accepted that any scheme will have its gainers and losers. The danger is that without a consensus, and with an issue which is not considered a big vote winner, no reform will be introduced.

Cuts option, page 19



Primrose the Friesian cow, whose gift for restor-ing hair with a lick from her tongue, has saved her from the slaughterhouse, gratefully acknowledges her owner, Mr John

Two years ago Mr Coombs, of Compton Chamberlayne, near Sal-isbury, received a bene-ficial lick on his balding pate and put the effect down to lactic acid. The world of coiffure

and hair restoration was agog. Mr Coombs now has to sell his dairy herd to the slaughterhouse because milk quotas have made his business uneconomic. But Primrose is safe -"she's family", he said.

# Britain's eating habits show rapid changes

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

nf British eating habits has

In the period July to September the survey found that people were turning away from butter, eggs, white bread and potatoes and buying more fresh fish, vegetables and fruit, particularly apples and ba-nanas. Sales of fruit juices have risen by more than 50

DOT CODE Butter consumption fell by 17 per cent, compared with survey reported.

the same period last year, the The gloom within the dairy

The national diet is undergoing some strikingly rapid the disclosure, by the Ministry changes, a government survey of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, that whnle milk consumption was also down

Consumption of eggs dropped by 11 per cent to an average of fewer than three a

cent and fresh, frozen and canned vegetables were up by 8 per cent.

Tea and coffee figures re-mained unchanged but people used slightly more sugar and preserves.

down hy 9 per cent.

by 11 per cent.

of commercial organizations. week per person.
Fresh fish sales rose by 9 per

Potato consumptinn

# BBC may show sponsored TV series

Our Media Correspondent

The BBC has told Home Office ministers that it wants to broadcast a 10-part televisioo series made with the financial sponsorship of IBM Corporation, the world's largest computer manufacturer.

Ministers are said to be sympathetically considering the BBC's request for a change in its licence, which prohibits the transmission of sponsored

IBM would make a "sixfigure" contribution to the £3.5 million series called Time Flys, according to Mr Aubrey Singer, a former senior BBC executive, who is the executive producer of the programme and head of an independent production com-pany established to make the

films.
Mr Singer described the series as an aerial recon-naissance of Western Euro-pean history, in which film makers will make extensive use of aerial photography to trace the themes of the past 10 centuries. He said that several national hroadcasters in Europe were supporting the

Leading historians from Europe and the United States have been retained to write and present the programmes, he added. The governors of the BBC recently approved a plan to open the corporation's airwaves tn programmes made by independent producers with the financial support

In return for the support, companies will be given an oo-screen acknowledgement nf their sponsorship.

BBC officials said that programme sponsorship will be different from the already accepted practice of broadcasting sporting and cultural events paid for by companies.

# Portfolio —Gold— GP plans trekking expedition

wife and son trekking to the Himaleyas with his £4,000 prize as Saturday's daily Portfolio Gold winner.

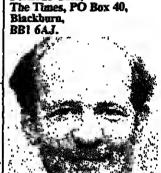
Dr John Bent, aged 44, a GP from Earls Barton, said that he was amazed and delighted to discover he had won. "On the Saturday before Christmas it was n very nice

He has been playing Portfinlio Gold since the game started, and has been a reader of *The Times* for two years.

Dr Bent said that he would use some of his winnings to join a three-week trip to Ladakh, Northern India, next

summer, organized by Wel-lingborough School, where his son, aged 17, is a pupil. He would also help his daughter who was just about to begin a nursing career.
"I have always been a long
way off the winning total
before," Dr Bent said.

There were no claimants for the weekly Portfolio Gold prize of £16,000. Portfolio Gold cards can be nhtained by sending n stam-ped, addressed, envelope to Portfolio Gold,



Dr John Bent, who has been a player from the start.

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# They said the best place for us was behind bars.

There we were, quietly going about our business in sunny Rickmansworth, when the phone rang:

"Your next big job will have you all behind bars," said a mysterious voice.

"Bars?" we gulped.

"Bar codes" came the reply.

We pressed for more information.

It transpired that our associates in Japan had developed a sophisticated electronic point-of-sale system that used a 'holographic laser scanner' to make sense of all those black and white lines you see on most of the products in shops.

With a flick of the wrist, this system would give an itemised print-out to the customer, display the product's name and price at the checkout and then relay the information to the head office and the stock room, so that management were aware of sales figures and shelves were kept full.

We were told that our mission (should we wish to accept it) was to make the system more simple, more portable, more flexible and truly international. Which is a bit like asking someone to nail a jelly to the ceiling.

As we enjoy a challenge, our experienced software engineers soon found themselves designing the tools to enable the integration of application software (that of others, as well as our own) and the use of spreadsheets and databases, thereby making it possible for users to set up an interface with their existing software.

While doing all this, they somehow found time to write a quarter of a million lines of program in 'C' language.

By July, we felt confident enough to run the results of our labours before the discerning eye of a senior executive from Japan. She admitted to being pleasantly surprised. (We admit to being secretly chuffed.)

We were told that our mission (should You may be wondering why a multiwe wish to accept it) was to make the national company should choose a UK system more simple, more portable, more operation for this task.

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Which just goes to show: there's quite a bit more happening in Rickmansworth than meets the eye.



Doing rather well in Rickmansworth.

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Devlin in

attack on

trial book

critics

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent Lord Devlin, the former law lord, has responded to two senior judges who criticized him over his book of the murder trial of Dr John

In the newly-published paperback version of Easing

the Passing, Lord Devlin has

written a postscript defending

himself against the attacks made by Lord Scarman and

Lord Bridge of Harwich when

the book was first published

last year.
Lord Devlin was the trial

judge in the case in 1957 of the

Eastbourne doctor, who was

found not guilty of murdering three of his patients. Lord

Devlin was severely criticized for judicial impropriety in publishing his account.

Explaining why he wrote the book, Lord Devlin, who left

the bench in the 1950s, says

his chairmanship of the Press Council for six years had a "laxative effect", and he came

to think that in public affairs "exposure should be the rule".

Lord Scarman, who is re-tired as a law lord, and Lord

Bridge wrote a letter to The

Times Literary Supplement in response to what Lord Devlin calls "an extremely provocative review of my book".

They took issue with Lord

Devlin's criticisms of the Attorney General of the day, the late Lord Dilhorne, the law lord who led the case for the

He says in the postscript:

Dilhorne's defects, chief nar-

row-mindedness and ob-

stinacy, were not those which

excite contempt." It was his

inflexibility" - that domina-

It would anyway have been

impossible to write the book

while Lord Dilhorne was

alive, he says, because he was

outlived by Dr Adams. If the

book was "uncomplimentary" about Lord Dilhorne, it was

"utter

Crown.

admiration".

faults — his

ted at the trial.

Bodkin Adams.

# Shake-up needed to 'rescue policy for care of the elderly'

without any care and support unless there is an organiza-tional shake-up of the Government's community care policy, the Audit Com-

In a damning report out this week, the commission accuses the Government of wasting the £6 billion spent on community care by funding inappropriate and expensive care for those least in need, while penalizing local authorities for building up domiciliary services.

Too many people are cared for in settings costing over £200 a week when they would receive more appropriate care in the community at a total cost of £100 to £130 a week. Conversely, people in the

community may not be get-ting the support they need." Supplementary benefit pay-ments for private residential care have doubled in recent years to the present £500 million, while day-care services had struggled to keep up with demographic growth, the

In spite of policies from successive governments to close long-stay hospitals and pro-vide community-based services, hospital beds were elosing but there was no parallel increase in community services.

Although there had been a drop of 25,000 hospital beds for the mentally ill in the past

Elderly and disabled people 10 years there had been only care of mentally and physwill be left in the community an additional 9,000 day-care

The success of community care depended on co-operation between several agencies, including the National Health Service, social services, bousing organizations and voluntary groups. But that was being undermined by bureancratic barriers, the lack of incentives and threats to jobs and professional standing, the commission said.

But the commission emphasized that more could be done within existing finance if that is reorganized. It calls for

 A rationalization of funding policies from the centre to remove rate support grant penalties for building up community services;

 Adequate short-term bridging finance so that services in the community can be built up before hospitals close;

 Aligning social security policies with community care policies and removing "per-verse incentives" encouraging residential care;

Ensuring an appropriate supply of trained community-based staff.

It also suggests a number of strategic options, which it says should be considered by an independent review. Local authorities should be made responsible for the long-term

ically handicapped people.
Money could be transferred from the health service and social security, and if nec-essary local authorities could buy in expertise.

For the long-term care of the elderly a single budget, controlled by one general manager responsible to a joint board, could be established with contributions from the health service, local authorities and social security.

For the mentally ill, either a joint board arrangement could be set up or the NHS could be responsible and sub-contract from local authorities.

The commission's controller, Mr John Banham, emphasized that in some areas community care was working efficiently and effectively.

There are some saints out there, people doing a miraculous job in unimaginably difficult circumstances. It's unfair to expect everyone to have that courage, energy and bullheadedness."

Whitehall Civil Servants and politicians alike had to take advantage of the present window of opportunity to establish an effective community-based service.

Transport Correspondent

The ban on movements of

heavy lorries on most London

roads at night and weekends,

which was introduced last

January, may be more strictly

At a meeting last Friday more than 20 London bor-

oughs agreed to join a

committee which will admin-

ister the ban in those

Since the abolition of the

Greater London Council the

ban has been administered by the London Residuary Body,

but is to hand over responsi-

bility to the boroughs next

Mr Martin Elengorn, of Richmond, deputy chairman

of the joint committee, said

that the ban had not been

The local authorities on the

joint committee would seek to

work more closely with the

police to ensure that the ban was enforced; they would monitor its effectiveness, and

seek to involve the public in

strengthen the conditions at-

tached to the issuing of per-

mits exempting vehicles from

Sale room

£136,500

paid for

oak chair

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent

An oak chair with a high

back of vertical slats and a

leather scat was sold for \$198,000, or £136,500, by Christic's in New York

lastFriday, becoming the most

expensive twentieth century

It was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, the American architect, in 1901, one of a set

of dining chairs. The estimated price before the auc-

tion had been \$60,000 to

The chair was bought by

Thomas Monaghan, who runs Domino's, a nationwide chain

of pizza parlours, with a head

office at 30 Frank Lloyd

Wright Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Mr Monaghan decided that his furnishings should match

his address and bought all the Frank Lloyd Wright pieces in

A price record for lead soldiers was set by Phillips at an auction in New York. An

Army service supply column

representing the Boer War period and made by Britains sold for \$12,100 (estimate

damaged but extremely rare. It was bought by an unnamed American collector.

Sotheby's sale of Faberge

and other works of art in New

chair sold at auctions.

\$70,000.

the sale.

effectively enforced.

enforced next year.

"If the opportunity is not taken a new pattern of care will emerge, based on private residential bomes rather than more flexible mix of

Community care

# Rise of 'back-street' homes

was taken to a tribunal by Norfolk Social Services Department early this year after allegations of force-feeding of residents and making them do exercises against their will.

A private residential home

"The officer in charge op-erated a very strict authoritarian regime", Mr Emlyn Cassam, the county's director of social services, said.

The tribunal found in favour of the local authority and said that the home, Bruali Lodge, Cromer, should be deregistered and closed down. Nine months later the home is still operating, with three residents, with the same officer in charge. The local authority cannot touch it. Any home with less than four residents, whether they are elderly, mentally ill or mentally handicapped, does not have to be not open for inspection.

Under the Registered Homes Act 1984, statutory checks on standards are made. by local authority inspectors, two or three times a year. Residents in those homes, however, still receive £125 supplementary benefit a week and a personal allowance.

"The law is farcical if it allows that home to continue operating". Mr William Ching, chairman of the Norfolk Residential Care Associ-ation, said. "It is ludicrous that the taxpayer is having to finance these homes where there are no checks and no regulations."

Unregistered homes had now become a back-street

anti-submarine frigate.

The terms of reference of the Inquiry are:

for a vessel to meet NSR 7069.

ADVERTISEMENT.

**Hull Design Inquiry** 

As announced by Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence,

on November 13, 1986, Lloyd's Register of Shipping is to conduct an independent Inquiry under the chairmanship of LR Chairman H. R. MacLeod to consider the \$90 hull form in the role of an

The terms of reference of the Inquiry are:

"To consider the advantages and disadvantages of the \$90 hull form for the purposes of meeting the Naval Staff Requirement (NSR 7069) for an anti-submarine frigate (insofar as the current state of the development of the \$90 permits), taking account of independent assessments made in 1983 by YARD and by the Marine Technology Board of the Defence Scientific Advisory Council, and of the Hill-Norton Committee Report Hull Forms for Warships published in May 1986, and to identify any implications for the design of future destroyers and frigates for the RN."

The Inquiry will address, in the first instance, seakeeping, speed/power and manoeuvrability, including hydrodynamic lift of a hull form of this type. Other issues which will be considered by the Inquiry are: size/layout, hull structural strength, static stability,

specialised military features and the construction and maintenance cost/time differentials for the S90 vis-á-vis the conventional design

The Inquiry will be private and confidential, reporting to the Secretary of State for Defence. No public comment will be given by LR until the Inquiry has reported. Lord Trefgarne indicated

One of the concerns of the Audit Commission's report this week on community care is the burgeoning of private residential homes largely financed by supplementary benefit payments. In the first of two articles Jill Sherman examines the problems.

because there was no register. The association, which insists on inspecting any homes that want to become members, has asked the press in Norfolk to refuse any advertisements for non-registered homes.

The Association of County Councillors reports that in some cases houses are being split in two or three, with separate individuals claiming that they have only three

The association has called owners and the suitability of the premises. Department of Health and Social Security board and lodging payments should be allocated only where this had been undertaken, the association's chairman, Mr Martyn Long, said.

In one case, an owner trying to set up a home had previously been convicted of violence. The local authority succeeded last week in blocking her application for registr-ation, hut, meanwhile, she has advertised in the local paper offering Christmas breaks for elderly people.

Social services directors also argue that it is often difficult to deregister a home, which has to be done through

industry, he said. Nobody a registered homes tribunal knew how many there were after complaints against a home are made, owing to a lack of witnesses.

"Often the complainant is too elderly or infirm to go to court, or may decide to drop the complaint having moved out, and staff may be reluctant to give oral evidence because they may then be blacklisted for jobs in the private sector", Mr Cassam said.

Hastings, another area where there is a high proportion of registered homes, has taken two cases to a equate staffing levels and poor refurbishment and has two more pending.

One involves allegations of the owner bending back fingers and toothbrushing the tongues of mentally handicapped residents. The other, concerning a home which was put under an emergency closure, involves mentally ill residents whom the council considered were at risk.

"There are many excellent private homes, but some are still falling through the net and causing serious concern", the East Sussex social services director, Mr Ken Young, said.

Tomorrow: Owners'

# Acid rain link to lime usage

By John Young Agriculture Correspondent

The acid rain phenomenon may well be linked to a "catastrophic" fall in the amount of lime spread on farmland, according to a survey by the National Association of Agricultural Contrac-

tors.

The general lime subsidy ended in 1976, but grant aid was available until last year, since when lime usage has fallen by between 50 and 60 per cent in many parts of sold for \$12,100 (estimate Scotland, and by more than a \$5,000 to \$7,500), or £8,500. quarter in 13 other regions. The set was scuffed and Soil acidity due to lime deficiency is now a common problem in both winter barley

and grassland. According to Mr Alan Longworth, water adviser to the Country Landowners' Association, some lakes in Wales have become virtually dead so far as plant and animal life is concerned. "If lime were spread on the catchment areas of the lakes £29,700. The sale made £1.2 and rivers affected, the whole million with 13 per cent left unsold

York last Friday included a necklace of miniature Easter eggs, made in St. Petersburg around 1900 and sent for sale

PoW tunnel helps City

the latest communications revolution in the City of

In these chambers, 130 British Telecom cable layers are replacing ageing six-inch Lines" to circle the globe

with PoW labour during the

The new system will cost £50 million and is designed to boost the City's computerized dealing and communications network. British Telecom says should be completed early in



ing pupils of the Royal Ballet School preparing yesterday for a performance of the Chicken Dance from La Fille Mal dee at Sadler's Wells Theatre, London. The dance was part of a charity evening for the National Council of One Parent Families and Martin House Hospice for Children, attended by Princess Margaret (Photograph: Mark Pepper).

Major readworks on motorways this week:

WATCH

London and South-East 'M11 London: Major road-

works at Redbridge roundabout (A12). M2 Kent: Lane restrictions between junctions 5 and 7 (Sittingbourne and Faverham) until end of December. M20 Kent: Contraflow between junctions .7 and 8

M40 Oxfordshire: Lane clo-

sures eastbound between junctions 5 and 6 (West Wycombe/Princes Risborough) and down to one lane eastbound between junctions 6 and 7 (Princes Risborough and Thame). Entry slip road at junction 7 closed. M275 Hampshire: Between reporting infringements. Subject to legal advice, from next more roundabout, Portsmouth. Construction of new

**Midlands** 

Mansfield). M5 Hereford and Worcester: Contraflow between junctions

and 6 (Bromsgrove and Droitwieh/Kidderminster. One lane open northbound, two lanes open southbound. Various lane closures between junctions 4 and 8 (Bromsgrove and the M6).

M50 Hereford and Worcester: Contraflow east of junction 4

(A449 Ross-on-Wye). M54 West Midlands: Various lane closures between junctions 2 and 7 (A449 Wolverhampton and A5 Wellington).

North MI South Yorkshire: Repair

work between junctions 31 and 33 (A57 Worksop and A630 Rotherham). Various slip road closures at junctions 31 and 32 (M18 interchange) until end January. M6 Lancashire: Roadworks at

junction 23 until end December. Also contraflow between junctions 29 and 32 (A6 Preston and M55 interchange) until January. M18 South Yorkshire:

Contraflow between junctions 1 and 2 (Rotherham and A1(M)). Delays likely until

M6I Blacow Bridge, Lancashire: Construction work at Information compiled and sup-M6 interchange. Lane closures plied by AA Roadwatch.

Major widening at Barton Bridge. Various restrictions between junctions 1 and (M62 and M57). Avoid i

possible. M63 Greater Manchester That attack, they complained, was posthumous; was Link road from A34 junction 10 to M63 northbound made on a former judicial colleague and was made with carriageway reduced to single lane only for bridge painting. Lord Deviin says he has Wales and the West never expressed contempt for Lord Dilhorne, although the book contains

M4 Wiltshire: Contraflow between junctions 16 and 17 (Swindon and Cirencester). M4 Mid-Glamorgan: Restric-tions both directions between junctions 34 and 35 (A4119 lantrisant and A473 Bridg-

M5 Gloucestershire: Contraflow at junction 14 (Thornbury). Northbound entry slip road closed.

Scotland

M8 Glasgow: Construction work between junctions 15 and 17 (city centre and Dum-barton) until March 1987. In addition, various other shortterm lane closures and restrictions will take place on the outskirts of the city on this motorway. Look out for warn-

M90 Kinross: Between junctions 5 and 6 drainage works.

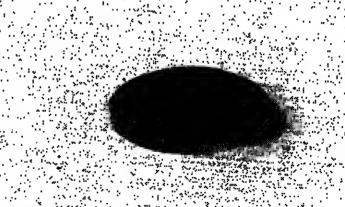
Both carriageways have out side lane closures.

also "necessarily defamatory" of Adams and no publisher would have touched it. As for the sentiment that 'dog should not eat dog" that

> Lord Deviin says. So there was no place for it in what I was doing."

> would preclude impartiality,

Easing the Passing: The trial of Dr John Bodkin Adams (Faber,



# Monopoly money.

Believe it or not, there are millions of labourers in various parts of the world who do not get their wages in real

Some receive discs, usable only in the company's or plantation's own shops. Just like Monopoly money in the board game.

Others are paid 'in kind', being given some necessary items of food, clothing or shelter. Another kind of monopoly, kept tightly in the hands of the employers.

Still more have to surrender a proportion of what they grow to the landowners and are thus kept in perpetual debt to their employers in ways amounting to semi-slavery like mediaeval serfs.

Monopoly again. All this not only degrades the poor but renders them powerless to improve their own lives.

Christian Aid's conviction is that the poor require not bread alone but the power to earn and purchase. And this applies to Third World countries as would-be trading nations, in the same way as it applies to individuals and families.

Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ and the coming of justice for the poor and oppressed. Every pound you give through Christian Aid will contribute to giving back to the poor their self-respect.

--- MORE PURCHASING POWER TO THE POOR. --- -

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that, subject to the requirements of security and commercial confidentiality, it was the Government's intention that LR's Report should be published. Lloyd's Register invites persons who are both qualified and interested in making a contribution to the work of the Inquiry to write, stating their area of expertise and interest to: The Chief Ship Surveyor Lloyd's Register of Shipping 71 Fenchurch Street LONDON EC3M 4BS Letters should be marked Hull Design Inquiry. The Chief Ship Surveyor will then advise prospective contributors problem would be cured." of the procedure to be adopted for making a formal written submission to the Inquiry. Where necessary, verbal amplification of written evidence will be Where necessary, verbal ampuncation of written evidence will be arranged; such hearings will be held in private and will be informal. Arrangements will be made to observe any contributor's request for confidentiality in respect to both written and verbal request. Underground chambers

built by German prisoners of are part of the "German war are the unlikely setting for Trumel" built below Holborn

telephone cables with enough network. British Telecom says finger-thick fibre-optic "Lite the first stage of the project

Second World War.

Reagan ignores scandal as

'come clean' calls grow

# Defiant PLO stay in Lebanese town

Maghdousheh, Lebanon (Reuter) - Guerrillas loyal to Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, clung to posts in this battlescarred village today, defying an Iranian-mediated accord to end battles between Palestinians and Shia Muslims. From Michael Binyon Washington

As pressure mounted oo

President Reagan from sen-

ators, congressmen and out-

side advisers to take decisive

measures to clear up the Iran

affair, the beleaguered Presi-

dent studiously ignored the scandal in his weekend radio

broadcast and vesterday re-

corded an optimistic Christ-

mas television message of

trying to concentrate on "busi-

ness as normal", in the hope

that this will divert attention

from the scandal. On Saturday

President Reagan urged Con-

gress in his weekly radio talk to avoid raising taxes and keep

White House officials said

Congress, however, has in-

sisted that before be can "get

on with the business of gov-erning", as he urged on Fri-

day, be must deal with the

Senator Robert Dole, the

Republican Senate leader, said there would otherwise be a

deadlock with Congress for

the next two years. "We're consumed with this." he said.

Congress has also voiced anger and frustration at the

refusal of key White House

aides to testify over the affair.

Senator David Durenberger,

chairman of the Senate intelli-

gence committee, denounced

the praise for Vice-Admiral

John Poindexter and Lieuten-

ant-Colonel Oliver North, for-

mer National Security

Council members, as national

why are they deserting their country when they are finally

being put to the true test of

their commitment to this

He said they had put their

narrow personal interests or

misplaced loyalty above the

national interest, but he was

not going to recommend im-munity for them in order to

Democratic majority leader,

also reflected the frustrations

of congressional investigators.

telling a meeting of Democrats

in Williamsburg, Virginia: "In

my 34 years in the Senate, I

have never seen such an arro-

gant, partisan White House as

One Democrat member of

the House foreign affairs com-

mittee, which is also hearing

testimony, called on President

Reagan to belp resolve the

controversy by ending aid to

the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

weekly radio reply to Presi-

men were seriously injured

when their vebicle detonated a

landmine, the South African

Government's Bureau for

Information, the country's main source of official inf-

abducted in an armed raid on

houses in Mbabane, the Swazi

capital, and Manzini, the

kingdom's industrial centre.

Their seizure provoked sharp

protests from both the Swazi

and the Swiss governments

The blast involving the

policemen, a white sergeant and a black coastable, occ-

urred on a dirt road near the

town of Barberton, eastern

Transvaal, not far from the

There have been a number

of landmine incidents in the

eastern Transvaal border area

over the past year. The

authorities usually blame the

planting of landmines on Af-

rican National Congress (ANC) guerrillas operating

over the weekend.

Swazi border.

Swaziland two Swiss nationals period.

Speaking for his party in its

I have seen the past six years.

Senator Robert Byrd, the

gain their testimony.

country.

"If they're such heroes, then

he would spend the next few

days considering new domes-

tic policy initiatives.

Iran affair.

close watch oo spending.

The White House has been

good cheer.

About 100 Palestinians from Damascus-based groups handed some positions in the village to pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) militiamen, neutral in the conflict,

but pro-Arafat guerrillas said they had reoccupied them. "All positions evacuated... have been filled again by Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) forces," a PLO official said. "There will be no withdrawal from

Maghdonsheh until we receive minimum guarantees. He said these were an end to the Shia Amai militia's siege of the Palestinian refugee camps of Rashidiyeh, near Tyre, and Chatilla, in Beirut. Talks would have to follow to define a

new basis for Lebanese-Palestinian relations, he added. Palestinian and Amal fighters had battled fiercely for the past three weeks for control of Maghdousheh, perched on a ridge overlooking the port of Sidon.

# Youths stone Gandhi

Chandigarh, India (Reuter) — Hindu youths threw stones and shouted slogans at the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, yesterday at the funeral in Amritsar of a Hindu politician assassinated by Sikh extremists in the Punjab.

About 6,000 people attended the cremation of Dr Kewal Krishan Bhatia, a leader of the mainly Hinda Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), who was shot with two other people in his clinic last night.

Witnesses said hundreds of police surrounded the crowds but youths briefly threw stones and shouted "Down with Gandhi, down with Barnala". Mr Surjit Singh Barnala is Punjab's moderate Sikh Chief Minister, and is backed by Mr Gandhi's Congress Party.
On Saturday night thousands of angry Hindus in Amritsar

stoned police and shouted insults after Bhatia's killing.

# Condoms Embassy 1ssue

Reykjavik (Reuter) --Icelandic bealth authorities have decided to distribute 2 sample condom to every teenager in the country as part of its campaign to combat Aids.

An explicit booklet with detailed instructions on already been distributed to the home of every Icelander between the ages of 15 and 24. An uproar developed when it was discovered that the booklet had been sent to children aged between 12 and 14 hy mistake and the chief physician's office publicly apologized.

# bomb

Copenhagen - A power-ful bomb hlast that hit the Soviet Embassy in Copenhagen on Saturday night caused extensive damage but no casualties (Christopher Follett writes).

Police said the bomb was probably thrown into the bassy from an adjoining military cemetery. No organization took responsibility for the blast, which came on the eve of a visit to the Danish capital by Mr Elie Wiesel, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, who is to attend a charity gala tonight in support of Soviet Jews.

# Rhine claims pile up

Rhine red and killed half a million fish and eels is to get a bill from a West German claiming DM 25,000 (£8,700) compensation for a nervous breakdown during the pollution emergency (John England writes).

Another Angst-struck German, who lived near the river until the chemicals leak poisoned it, is demanding DM 500,000 (£174,000) to cover his costs and trouble in moving house to a "less dangerous part of the country".

# Colony clamp

Hong Kong – The Royal Hong Kong Police and the Chinese Public Security authorities are stepping up legal immigration into Hong Kong from mainland China, especially by children (David Bonavia writes).

Last month 300 Chinese children were caught while being brought into Hong Kong illegally by "snakeheads" or operators of illicit boats. Most come to be reunited with their parents

# 11 die in

least 11 people were killed and several wounded on Saturday when two rival fought each other in Sri Lanka's Northern province, military sources and residents said yesterday.

# Nkomo attacks delay in party unity talks

From A Correspondent, Harare

The leader of Zimbabwe's ship" by government spokes-Zapu opposition party. Mr men, using the state-con-Joshua Nkomo, and his Central Committee are growing impatient with Mr Robert Mugabe's ruling Zanu (PF) party over the protracted talks on a unity pact to inaugurate a one-party state.

After a weekend meeting in Harare, the Zapu Central Committee "noted with dismay" the frequent statements by senior members of the Government that final agreement was imminent.

Zapu, which bolds 14 of the 100 House of Assembly seats against 66 held by Zanu (PF), is understood to be alarmed by what it sees as "hrinkman-

trolled news media to build up popular expectations that an end to five years of factional strife is at hand. Zapu fears this is a tactic intended to force its capitula-

tion to Zanu (PF) terms. A major overhaul of the Zimbabwean constitution is planned for next year by the Government, when guarantees lapse for the 20 seats reserved for whites in the Zimbabwean Parliament. The British-designed Lancaster House constitution will be revised to incorporate an executive presidency and a single-

# Colombo (Reuter) - At

Residents in Jaffna, capital of the northern penin-sula, said that the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front had surrendered en masse to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil

President Reagan is apparently unable to bear facing the cameras when he emerges with a gift teddy after giving a radio address from the Oval Office, but then relents.

He said: "For five years it has led your Administration from one dirty war to another in an effort to carry out this illegal and immoral war."

He said the Iran-Contra scandal was the inevitable result of the decision to pursue a war despite the will of Congress and without the support of the American people. He asked what had happened to

A US citizen arrested at an air base in northern Nicaragua is being held on suspicion that he was spying, the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister, Father Miuel D'Escoto, said yesterday (Reuter reports from Mana-gua). Father D'Escoto said the American, identified by his US passport as Mr Sam Nesley Hall, aged 49, of Dayton, Ohio, was captured on Saturday inside an air base at Ponta Huete, to the north of

the \$30 million profits from the arms sales, and suggested it had all gooe to arms dealers, building private fortunes for Central America's Marcoses".

The Senate intelligence committee plans to call segior White House aides, including deot Reagan, Mr David Bon- Mr Donald Regan, the Chief ior called the Contra war a of Staff, when hearings re-"cancer on this presidency".

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

Two South African police- from Mozambique and Swazi- dent Botha's claims, which he

President Botha announced

the arrest of an undisclosed number of ANC members.

Opposition parliamentary

ormation, announced yes- and other political activists, in

The landmine incident to prevent acts of terror and

came as Pretoria returned to sabotage over the Christmas

Speculation continued at the weekend that President Reagan was still being urged by his wife and California associates, including Mr Michael Deaver, to dismiss Mr Regan. Sources said he and Mr William Casey, the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, would be out of office by the beginning of next

However, Senator Dole vesterday said that at a weekend meeting Mr Regan told him: "I tell you one thing, I'm not leaving the White House."

Mr Dole said that if he left now it would be inferred that President Reagan had known

something of the affair. The White House communications director said the President would support Mr Regan for the "duration of the firestorm". Senator Dole earlier called the Iran affair "just plain stupid", and urged Mr Reagan to call a summit meeting of the European allies and 'lay all the cards oo the table".

Meanwhile, another poll. released at the weekend by US News and World Report. showed that less than half those asked approved of the way Mr Reagan was handling his job as President and twothirds doubted that he had revealed all he knew about the Iran-Contra deal.

offered as justification for the

tion, as "unconvincing" and

"a red berring."
Mr Colin Eglin, the leader of

most of the ANC documents

produced by Mr Botha to

prove the imminent threat of

revolution dated from 1985

The raids into Swaziland clampdown on the press and

came on the same day as extra-parliamentary opposi-

and other political activists, in the liberal Progressive Federal what be claimed was a move Party, made the point that

parties, of both the left and the and contained little that was

Mr Daniel Schneider and Miss Corium Bischoff, his fiancie, who were returned by Pretoria to Swaziland.

right, have dismissed Presi- new or surprising.

role of Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, arose with the claim by Mr John Kelly, the US Ambassador in Beirut, that Mr Shuitz had concurred in a plan for him to bypass the department in secret talks with Iran on releasing host-

Mr Kelly was explaining his role in the affair to the State Department after being summoned bome by an angry Mr Shultz, who said he bad been kept in ignorance. The two had their first meeting on

Mr Reagan is said to be considering appealing personto Admiral Poindexter Colonel North to break their silence and disclose details of the operation.

He told a group of state legislators on Saturday. "Fil not be satisfied until all the facts are before the American people.

But Mr John Ehrlichman, a White House official during the Watergate crisis, said aspects of the Iran affair were very similar, especially Mr Rezgan's decision to hang

He urged President Reagan to give a daily press briefing, giving all the "unvarnished information" he had.

# Transvaal mine blasts police Copperbelt **SWOOD** on looters

Lusaka (Reuter) - Zambian police have detained 450 people in the northern Copperbelt area in a sweep to recover goods looted during food riots last week, according to the

official oews agency Zana. Police asked shopkeepers to go to police beadquarters in the Copperbelt towns of Ndola, Kitwe and Chingola to identify their property. The looters stole shoes,

clothes, perfumes and electrooic equipment during widespread protests against a 100 per cent increase in the price of maize meal. President Kenneth Kaunda cancelled the increase oo Thursday. Police confinued to protect

maize mills and were providing escorts for vehicles distributing maize meal, in short supply in the Copperbelt after mills suspended production to see how the Government would carry out a decision to nationalize the industry.

The Sunday Times of Zam-bia, published by the ruling United National Independence Party, said the Government had ordered all millers to resume production and distribution.

border, and police there said miners, hospital staff and night workers were receiving special passes.

### reduction of the EEC's butter mountains and milk lakes. Mr Michael Jopling Britain's farmers. Agriculture Minister, threatened to keep his colleagues there until they did reach a decision - even if it took the

Problem of EEC food glut

Jopling threatens

to spin out talks

till issue is settled

best part of a week. Mr Jopling, who is due to begin chairing a two-day ses-sion of the Fish Council on Wednesday, as Britain's period in the EEC presideocy draws to a close, said that the meeting was making progress in discussions on reducing dairy production as a step towards reducing the 1.5 millioo ton butter mountain.

He declared: "We have to stop the production of unwanted, uncatable, unsaleable surpluses." And he added: "If we fail, it won't be the fault of the British presideocy because I shall drive them on until I don't have a quorum left. I'm perfectly prepared to stay here throughout a good part of the

Speaking on BBC Radio 4's World This Weekend programme, Mr Jopling said that the Soviet Union was virtually the only country currently willing to huy hutter, and then only at knockdown prices.

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor With the meeting in Brus- ministers, in seeking to respond to the call from the sels yesterday of Europe's farm ministers showing no European Commission for a signs of progress towards the cut of almost 10 per cent in ways of compensating dairy

One way would be to find dairy farmers who wanted to

Two days of meetings between EEC and United States trade officials broke up without agreement yesterday, as the EEC refused to bow to American demands for concessions on food trade. Negotiations had centred on the loss of US feedgrain sales to Spain (Our Correspondent writes from Brussels).

leave the business and to buy up and then cance! their production quotas. That would reduce production without reducing the individual quotas of those who wanted to stay in the industry. The other way was to have a suspension of quotas, compensating farmers for the loss while they were suspended.

● BRUSSELS: EEC agnculture ministers, thrashing out a scheme to cut milk and beef production that would do the least damage to farmers in their own countries, were still far from agreement last night He said that the agriculture (A Correspondent writes).

# Howe tried to bow out on a high note

Brussels - Today marks what Sir Arthur Conan Doyle might have called Sir Geoffrey Howe's last bow, although wbether the Foreign Secretary can match the Great Detective by solving the insoluble at the last moment remains to be

Sir Geoffrey will today seek to retrieve Britain's reputation for firm leadership of the EEC when he chairs the final foreign ministers' meeting of the six-month British presidency. Britain is making a final push this week to end the presidency with at least some progress in farm reform, air fares, the internal market and EEC trade disputes with the United States and Canada.

Sir Geoffrey, who is hand-ing over to Mr Leo Tinde-mans, the Belgian Foreign Minister, as president of the EEC Council of Ministers, will want to recapture some of the "lustre" which he said marked the presidency when he took over in July.

OU PEOULS AND I restored European confidence in the Reagan Administration following the visits to London and Brussels last week by Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State. After Friday's Nato foreign ministers' meeting on post-Reyikavik arms control, Sir Geoffrey said Mr Shultz's performance both on disarmament and on Washington's handling of the arms for Iran affair had left the Western alliance with a coherent, credible and common view of the way ahead.

Some EEC officials remain to be convinced, however. Belgium, which takes over the EEC presidency on January 1, is investigating Danish allega-tions that arms shipments to Iran have passed illegally through Zeebrugge and Antwerp, and that Belgian weap-ons were involved. Mr Tindemans has ordered an official inquiry into the claim.

Officials said Sir Geoffrey

would use his final appearance in the EEC chair to stress Britain's "solid achievements" and to counteract the hostile reception given to both Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey on the record of the presidency at the European Parliament last week. Mrs Thatcher came under sustained fire from both right and left for maintaining that the EEC London summ had been a success and that failure to tackle central issues, such as reform of the common agricultural policy or cheaper air fares, was the fault of other EEC nations. West Germany in particular is blamed for refusing to tackle agricultural reform for fear of antagonizing rural voters in next month's

Mr Michael Jopling, the Agriculture Minister, chaired anscheduled last-ditch talks over the weekend in a bid to clinch at least some agreement on milk and beef quota cuts. Similarly, Mr Jobn Moore. the Transport Minister, today is chairing eleventh-hour talks on European air fares, pricefixing and route-sharing.

Some officials criticized Britain for the collapse of attempts to formulate a 1987 EEC budget. The attempts have foundered because of the farm spending, falling EEC revenues and the decline of the dollar, which affects the competitiveness of EEC exports. British officials say that most of these factors are

### European View By Richard Owen

beyond the control of the presidency. But critics say the Enropean Parliament, which accused Britain of lack of imagination and daring, would not have voted out the draft 1987 budget if the issue of farm spending and food sur-pluses had been tackled headon over the past six mouths.

"To some people it looks as if Britain has deliberately engineered a cash crisis so that the EEC will be forced to take drastic measures," one EEC official said. "Unfortunately it falls to Belgium to deal with the crisis."

Today's foreign ministers' meeting will discuss the difficulty posed for EEC aid to the Third World and EEC research and development spending by the budget crisis.

Mr Tindemans will publicly take the line that Belgium is routinely accepting the baton from Britain, and is grateful for British efforts. Privately, however, he is expected to undertake to give EEC affairs a fresh impulse in the wake of what many see as a somewhat lacklustre British presidency.

Belgium is planning a crisis EEC summit on the budget in March, and Mr Tindemans is preparing to launch a high-profile EEC foreign policy by touring the Middle East in the new year. Last week he met Mr Faronk Kaddoumi, the "Foreign Minister" of the Palestine Liberation Organiz-

On the other hand, British officials are able to point to a number of EEC foreign policy successes under the British presidency, including joint action against Syria over terrorism and a consistent and purposeful policy towards South Africa. Sir Geoffrey will today underline EEC condemnation of the latest press

# Maize crisis highlights error of cheap import policy

# Mugabe backs drive for food self-sufficiency

From Micbael Hartnack Harare

A grim sense of reality was introduced to a conference on farm policy and food security last week by an explosion of rioting in the Copperbelt re-

gion of neighbouring Zamhia.

The meeting, held under the auspices of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, ended with a call by delegates from 16 African countries, to the mion's member governments to sink at least 25 per cent of their annual development funds into raral development.

As the politicians deliberated in the Zimbabwean capital mobs were husy barricading the streets of Zambian Copperbelt towns in protest at a 110 per cent increase in the price of highergrade maize meal.

Years of cheap food imports during the heyday of buoyant international copper prices maize production in Zambia, ization of rural peasant populations. With copper in the dol-

drums, President Kenneth Kaunda's debt-ridden Government finds itself physically and financially incapable of restoring food self-sufficiency

Faced with violent unrest among its politically influential urban population, Zambia finally restored the \$30 mil-tion (£21 million) subsidy on maize meal, which the International Monetary Fund wanted cancelled as a condition for helping President Kamda with his \$4 hillion (£2.8 bil-lion) accumulated external debts.

Across the Zambezi, temporarily closed by the Zampians to outward-bound traffic, Zimbabwe prides itself on being one of the last African states still growing enough to feed itself.

But on the day the con-ference convened it was pub-control and power over natural Dr Falusi, but they found

cheap protein for the peo-

The state-run Cold Storage Commission has stopped all deliveries to butcheries, which now must get what beef they can from private abattoirs.

The Zimbabwean Prime Minister, Mr Robert Magabe. opened the conference with a blant acknowledgement of Africa's past mistakes in farm that sub-Saharan Africa might policy, although his own Government has been unique in the emphasis it has placed since independence on rural

prestige projects in the towns favoured by many of his northern neighbours in the 1960s and 1970s. "The point is that while we trade treaties which bolstered

and encouraged rapid urban-ization of rural peasant government-controlled news and floods, we cannot legitiedia here that the once- mately escape our blamethriving beef industry is in dire worthiness, as legislators and trouble due, in part, to years of as leaders, for our mismanage-low prices intended to ensure ment of the agriculture ment of the agriculture sector," Mr Mugabe said.

Zimbahwe was particularly aware that agriculture was a prerequisite for economic and political stability, he said. His words were to have an ominously prophetic ring as news of the Zambian unrest came in later during the week. Dr A.O. Falusi, of Nigeria's

Ibadan University, predicted get up to \$6.75 billion (£4.76 billion) in agricultural aid from the developed countries over the next five years. It must be channelled into a This contrasts with the concerted effort to achieve food self-sufficiency, he arged. Sub-Saharan states needed help in improving their foreign

exchange earnings through

tariff harriers from the industrialized states, whose heavily subsidized farm products undermined the viabitity of The needless tragedy of Africa's recurrent famines was

underlined by a senior official of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), who stressed that despite its expanding popula-tion the continent still has enough land to feed three times its present 531 million people. Today some 140 mil-lion Africans were surviving on imported grain, said Mr Racim Sant'Aona, the Harare-based regional soil re-sources officer for the FAO. Among concluding recum-

mendations of the conference

was a call for countries which supply aid to African states to examine the annual balance of payments between themselves and the individual recipient

### A dusk-to-dawn curfew is still in force across the Copperbelt on the Zairean

Paramilitary Civil Guard policemen stood guard on construction machinery in the northern Spanish town of Riano yesterday after a court order temporarily halted the destruction of residents' homes to allow the construction of a

local district judge Α granted a stay io the execution of the work last Friday - after 13 bouses had been demolished in two days - to allow time to study a petition presented oo behalf of those affected, which alleged illegalities in the expropriation of property.

Bulldozer operators briefly ed policemen after a court ord- weeks to seeking special con-

# Spanish town wins dam reprieve From Harry Debelius, Madrid

townspeople's anger cooled as sooo as it became apparent that the final assault was intended to eliminate the danger posed by a half-toppled build-Three unidentified persons

vandalized the home of the Mayor of Riano, Senor Guillermo Hernández, on Friday night, causing damage esti-mated at 180,000 pesetas (£933). Contrary to bis more defi-

ant neighbours, the mayor believes the struggle to save the 400-year-old town with its present population of about resumed the demolition oo 650 is a lost cause. He has de-Friday behind a screen of arm-dicated his efforts in recent

er was delivered, but the cessions from authorities for Riano's people when they have to leave.

> An effigy of the mayor hung from a lamp-post in the centre of the main square in front of the town hall on Saturday, and a sign pinned to it read: "This is how those who don't defend -Riado will end up."

The dam which threatens Riaño's existence was begun 20 years ago. The present residents are mostly children of property-owners who received compensation at that time. The work was stopped twice for periods of several years and serious effort\_was made to evict the people of Riano until this year.

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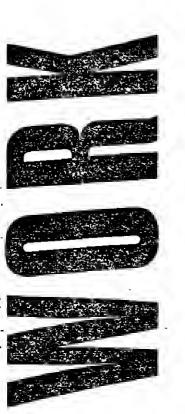
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# Rebellion in Surinam

# Bouterse promises free elections as rebels advance on the capital From Christopher Thomas, Paramaribo

natingwide elections by March 1988 in a desperate attempt by the Government to gain popular support as rebel

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Lieutenant-Colnnel Desi Bouterse, the tiny country's important new developments left-wing military dictator, a self-promnted sergeant whn seized power in 1980, told a weekend raily in the centre of the capital, Paramaribo, that the National Assembly would draw up a constitution by the draw up a constitution by the end of March. It would then be submitted to a referendum in time for the election.

He delivered a lengthy, emntinual harangue about the economic devastation the



popular support.

rebels were inflicting in their rapid sweep through most of eastern Surinam. He said the people thought the military was opposed to democracy, but that was not true.

His promises must be regarded with scepticism, however. He previously est-ablished a timetable for restoring democracy by early 1987, a mnve clearly cal-culated at the time in court a renewal of Dutch aid. But The Netherlands was not con-vinced, nor is it likely to be

tinue their seemingly inexnrable march across the country from a stronghold nn natural terrain. the eastern border with French Guiana.

Surinam has been promised serious likelihood that the city 60 miles east of the latinnwide elections by heavily fortified city could fall capital. Eye-witnesses say to the rebels in the near future. It is rumnured that Colonel Moengo, with a population forces continue to advance dren to Brazil, along with large amounts of cash.

> The only road through the dense tropical jungle to the east has been sealed by the Army. The Government has ordered citizens to hand in all hunting rifles and shotguns. Soldiers have begun patrolling both banks of the Surinam river, which passes through Paramaribo, even to the extent of searching river boats. And the missionary airline, Missionary Aviation Fellowship, has been grounded, for fear that its planes could fall into the hands of the rebels.
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> Amid the decreping crisic

Amid the deepening crisis the United States has put American citizens on "Phase One" status, an advance warning that they may be called to quit the country under a "Phase Two" alert. Most of the 150 to 200 US citizens are missionaries or embassy per-

The Surinam Government has clearly been stunned by the Dutch Government's announcement that it has drawn up contigency plans to evacuate its 6,000 nationals. The military rulers are now con-vinced that The Netherlands, which granted independence in 1975, is sympathetic to the

It is convinced, too, that France favours the incursion. While paying lip service to nnn-interference and neutrality, it is certainly apparent that France is turning a blind eye to the activities of Ronny Brunswijk, the rebels' leader, who was bodyguard to Colonel Bouterse until about 18 months ago, when he quit the Army over a pay dispute.

this time.

The rally, attended by about 2,000 people, clearly demonstrated the near-panic that has gripped the Government with French Guiana. There are nn roads to the densely forcested area, nor is there and He operates without interairstrip near by. For Sergeant Brunswijk, a bosh Negro, it is

It is now clear that in an attack just over two weeks ago Tension is beginning to rise Sergeant Brunswijk's Surirapidly in Paramaribo, even namese Liberation Army dev-thrugh there seems to be no astated Moengo, the second

boat refugees (Neil Kelly

He is the first Thai to receive the death sencence for piracy involving Vietnamese

Mesa Sukchan was convicted of robbing, raping and murdering refugees at sea two months ago. The court said he

was responsible for the death

of one refugee and the dis-appearance of eight others.

His crew of three were imprisoned for periods of 11

Rnme (AP) — Eight armed bandits made off with 9 billion lire (£4.5 million) from the train station post office in Palermo, after gagging and binding 10 clerks.

Luigi Esposito, aged 30, who staged a dramatic escape from an Italian prison by helicopter last month.

Genoa (AP) - Surgeons have replaced the defective

aoria nf a seven-year-old boy

with a synthetic tube, an nperation believed to be the first of its kind in the world, according to Italian

Madrid (Reuter) - King

Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia left Madrid yesterday for state visits to Nigeria and Zim-babwe, signalling Spain's de-

sire in improve long-neglected ues with black Africa.

Coast tragedy

Dethi (Reuter) - About 30 people drowned when their boat collided with another

vessel and sank nnly 16 yards from Elephanta Island off the

Hackers held

Wiesbaden (Reuter) - Pol-

ice have arrested four com-puter "hackers" said to have robbed banks in the Frankfurt

area of more than DM 100,000 by manipulating

cash dispenser cards with a

Bombay coast.

home computer.

# **Defector** is Death for welcomed captain in Ankara of pirates Bangkok — A court at Songkhla in southern Thai-land has sentenced Mesa Sukchan, the skipper of a Thai fishing boat, to death for pirate attacks on Vietnamese

writes).

10 22 years.

Gang raid

Caught out Paris (Reuter) - French police bave recaptured Andre Bellaiche, aged 36, and Gian

Heart first

Royal visit

From Rasit Gurdilek Ankara

Mr Naim Suleymanoglu (Naum Shalamanov), the 19-year-old Bulgarian Turk who defected in Melbourne, Australia, after winning his third world title in weightlifting a week ago, was enjoying at the weekend his "re-Turkified" name, the feeling of being "at home" and the full red carnet home", and the full red carpet

He arrived via London on Saturday on board the personal plane of Mr Turgat Ozal, the Prime Minister, and was immediately taken to a press conference. Introduced by Mr Ozal to a count of by Mr Ozal to a crowd of reporters and applanding government ministers, the recordernment ministers, the record-holding sportsman published denounced the repression of fellow ethnic Turks in Bul-garia, 80 to 100 of whom, he said, had been killed in the province of Kurdzhali.

He confirmed that the mosques were shut and the Torks speaking their own language were heavily penalized. He was concerned about the fate of his parents and two brothers left behind, but Mr Ozal promised his best efforts to have them reportated. to have them repatriated.

Yesterday he was received by President Kenan Evren. who condemned the campaign of firred assimilation and proposed another immigration accord to end the tension between the two Balkan neighbetween the two Balkan neigh-bours. Mr Suleymanoglu ex-pressed conviction that the ethnic Turks would come to the last man, "plus no small numbers of Bulgarians them-selves", if the borders were

Meanwhile, Mr and Mrs Ozal, not caring for muffled opposition criticisms of "making political capital out of the defection", announced themselves foster parents for the champion sportsman "and, in his person, of all the suffering

brethren".
Meanwhile, Mr Suleymanogiu, already taken on a shopping spree of top stores and still to be taken on a 10day tour of the motherland, spared some time to don the national suit and exercise with

His hosts, pledging a flat, a car and a handsome salary for his "coaching membership" of the national team, have set their eyes on the country's first Olympic gold medal in de-cades, which they are con-fident would be bagged by Mr soleymanoglu at Seoul in

Moengo, with a population of 2,000 to 3,000, was a company town built by the American nperators of the largest bauxite mine in the country, which has closed with devastating consequences for the small, beleaguered economy. During bis long speech, Col-onel Bouterse issued a break-

down of the supposed cost of the five-month insurgency, Losses in timber, agriculture and tourism topped the list. In an nbvious attempt to play down the closure of the Moengo bauxite mine, he put bauxite losses almost at the bottom of his list, just above the cost of "evacuating" civilians from the east. The National Assembly,

now given the task of preparing a constitution, is an unelected advisory body of government-approved repre-sentatives of industry, trade unions, the chamber of commerce, the Army's "25 February Movement" and three political parties that have cautiously re-formed in the



Calypso message for Trinidad voters

Port of Spain

Trinidad and Tobago is voting today in a general election which may put an end to 30 years of continuous rule the People's National

In the strains of a calypso called "Vote dem out", the bandwagon of the opposition National Alliance for Recon-struction gathered pace last week. Opinion polls were giving the party a clear lead, and large crowds were responding enthusiastically to the boasts of the NAR leader, Mr A N R son, that Trinidad and

movement of spiritual rejuvenation, spiritual rebirth".

However, the PNM had begun to make up some of the lost ground last week and has a substantial 26-10 majority in Pointing to its six soccessive election victories since 1956,

the party began running full-page press advertisements threatening the NAR with more licks in '86", presenting the Prime Minister, Mr George Chambers - much criticized for his aloof style as a caring figure who stands for stability and security, and attacking the NAR as a "sin-ister alliance of three leaders" who had "changed their minds, changed their stories and changed their parties".

The NAR was formed last year from three rival opposition parties, two of whose leaders had to step aside to make way for Mr Robinson: the sugar workers' leader, Mr Basdeo Panday, and a former Attorney General, Mr Karl Hudson-Phillips, who has just Hudson-Phillips, who has just spend nine months successfully leading the prosecution in the Maurice Bishop murder trial in Grenada, and who says he is not interested in minMr Robinson is a mild-

mannered lawyer, aged 59, a Tobagonian, and a founder of the PNM. He became Finance Minister and Foreign Minister under Dr Eric Williams before resigning from the before resigning from the party in 1970. He became an opposition MP for Tobago and chairman of the Tobago House of Assembly when it was set up

The major issues in today's voting are the desirability of change and the growing un-employment, officially run-ning at 17 per cent as the From Stephen Taylor Sydney

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enters its

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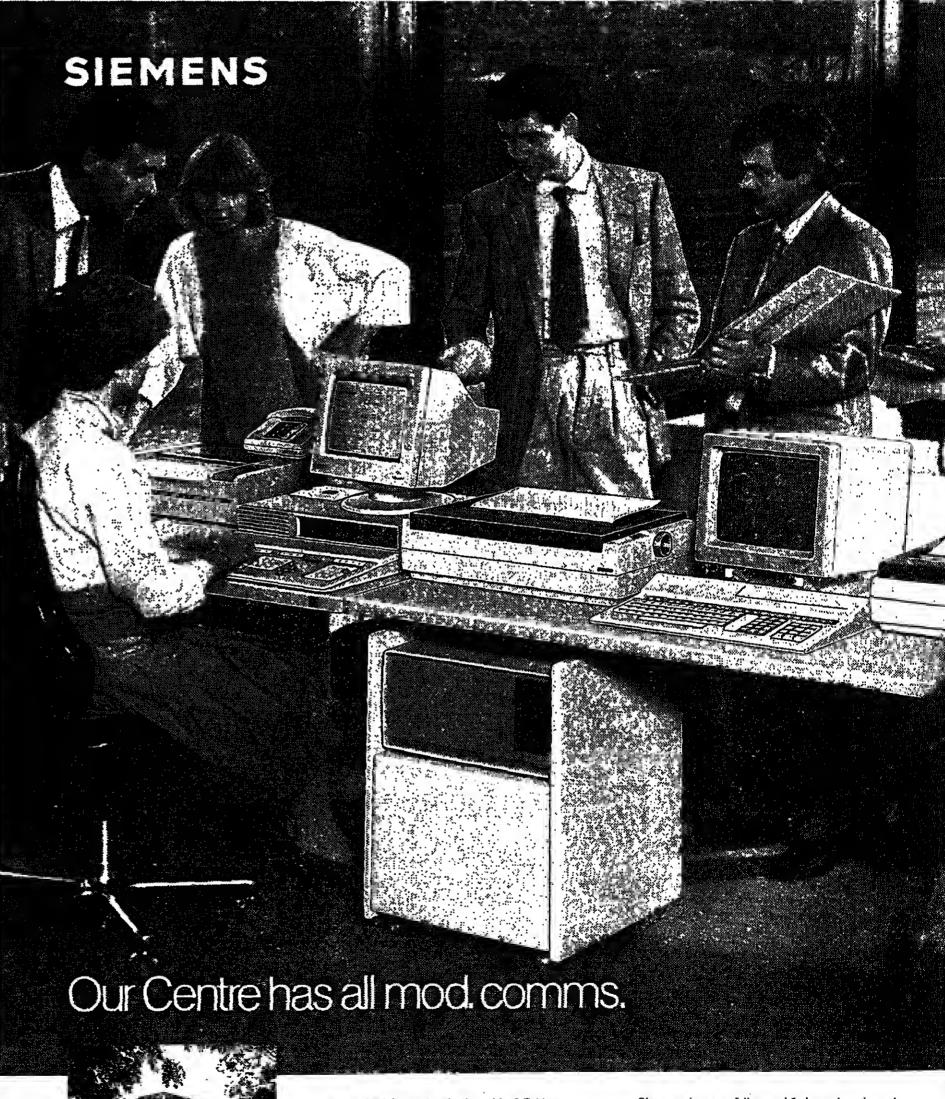
The M15 book trial is due to enter its final phase in the New South Wales Supreme Court today with the start of summing up by laywers for the British Government and for Mr Peter Wright, the former counter-espionage agent whose book it wants to have suppressed.

Evidence was completed last week, when a compromise deal resolved the wrangle nver secret Whitehall documents which had threatened to pro-tract the hearing well into the

Final arguments should now be nver by Wednesday, at which the point the hearing will have lasted four and ahalf

The British Government case, as counsel have made plain, rests entirely nn the argument that Mr Wright is still bound by a duty of confid-entiality under which be may never divulge any information he came by as an MI5 officer. Mr Wright said in his sworn testimnny last week that he had never heard of the duty nf confidentiality before this

His counsel, Mr Malcolm Turnbull, has tried to demnnstrate that Whitehall is inconsistent in what intelligence material it allows to be



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Sense of evil pervades villa where emperor is said to have ted people to hous

Bokassa awaits judgement on a murderous regime

A full and final reckoning of infamy awaits Jean-Bédel Bokassa when his trial resumes today in the capital where he once sat on a throne of gold as self-proclaimed Emperor of the Central Af-

rican Republic. Into the sweltering court room of the Palais de Justice will troop a succession of witnesses ready to provide a wealth of fine detail to back up the four closely-typed pages of charges against him. From torture to mass murder, from poisoning to cannibalism. We are to hear it all from the mouths of those who claim to have observed their former emperor disposing of his subjects as casually as a man

might swat flys.

It is the stuff of nightmares, and in preparation for that, I made the short trip to the place where, the prosecution claims, so many of these atrocious events occurred. The Villa Kolongo was one of Bokassa's luxurious private retreats, guarded day and night by men from his own tribe, M'Baka. Its glittering chandeliers, silver dinner ser-vices and marble pools had cost his impoverished nation a small fortune. When Bokassa, now aged

65, was overthrown by French paratroopers seven years ago (he was visiting Colooel Gadaffi at the time), the Villa Koloogo was swiftly looted of everything moveable. Yet an almost palpahle sense of evil lingers on in the cluster of decaying bungalows at the end

A wizened little man in a faded Beatles T-shirt scampers through the solid-steel front gate, announcing himself as the official guide to the cham-ber of horrors within. He must have done it many times before, but has lost none of his "Imagine, monsieur, that you are here on your knees before the emperor." he begins, gesturing to the dais where Bokassa would sit in judge-ment on those who had dis-pleased him. "You are praying for mercy, but he drinks more whisky and laughs, then the of swatting men like flies.

From Philip Jacobson, Bangui, Central African Republic

sluices beneath your feet."

where they hung the bodies."

lawyers from Paris - tall and

lean Maître Szpiner, small and round Maître Gibault — are holding court for visiting

Their client has been held in the military jail at Camp de Roux, a stronghold overlook-

ing the city, since be flew back

from disconsolate exile in France in October. Apparently

anticipating the sort of wel-

come his great hero, Na-

poleon, once received, Bokassa had packed his gold-encrusted marshal's uniform

and his many decorations.

"The old man is cheerful

enough and looking forward

to confronting his accusers in

court," declares Maître Szpi-

ner from the shallow end, Lew

Grade-size cigar in his mouth.

"We are entering a plea of not guilty to all charges, these fairy

tales about human bodies

stuffed with rice which so

excite you people." What about the cash, the millions

Bokassa is alleged to have

stolen from the nation, the

two missing crowns of di-amonds, the solid gold suit-case that disappeared? No problem, says Maître Szpiner,

we have answers for every-

guards drag you off to the crocodiles io the pool you can see over there. lions' den over there." Birds are singing sweetly in

There were two lions, it the jush vegetation rapidly seems, male and female, kept overrunning the Villa Kolonin separate cages behind a little fountain that once go as we enter a whitewashed room with channels cut into flowed with perfumed water. the concrete floors. The guide Those condemned by Bokassa throws open the door of an would be forced to wait beenormous cold store. One tween them, sometimes for hours in mortal terror, for the moment when the beasts were unleashed. the corpses cut up, yes, butch-

The vigorously mimed an-ecdote followed. "Once, the emperor accused his lion keeper of stealing their meat and ordered that he should be fed to them instead. But monsieur, they did oot fall upon this man, they would not harm him." Seeing this, Bokassa had cursed the fions from his throne. "Then be had the keeper thrown to the





lawyers coocede, to be defend-ing Bokassa in the very same court where, six years ago on Christmas Eve, he was convicted and sentenced to death in absentia on much the same panoply of charges confronting him now (six others accused with him, including a son-in-law, were subsequently

knows what is coming, but it still shocks. "Here many, many people were killed and this new There is a different judge for this new trial, M Edouard Frank. He had previously served the Bokassa regime. ered like cattle, to be served at hut then, as Maître Szpiner observes, which of today's high officials and senior milithe emperor's table. Monsieor, their remains were washed away down these tary men did oot, really? The He beckons towards another huge fridge, pitch-black inside, a foul mustiness in the President of the Central African Republic, M Andre Kolingba, was one of the air. "Go in," he urges. "This is emperor's numerous generals; his official photograph hangs in the hotel lobby, five large gold stars on one sleeve, heavy gold chain around his neck, It is a considerable relief to escape back to the swimming pool at my hotel on the banks of the broad Oubangui river. There, Bokassa's two defence gold-tipped baton under one

What Bokassa has to say about his old courtiers remains to be seen. Despite the brutish reputatioo and bizarre ways, be always had a shrewd understanding of his own people and, the lawyers cautiooed, the memory of an elephant for "irregularities involving others".

This is taken to mean, above all, the former French President, M Giscard d'Es-taing. He and Bokassa, once great chums, took huoting trips together in the game reserves here. "France's best friend in Africa," M Giscard had declared, before the affair of the diamond and ivory he was in the habit of accepting from the emperor blew up ioto a damaging political scandal back home.

Bokassa has never hidden his bitterness about the "betrayal" that toppled him from power. Will he now repeat his previous wounding allegation about M Giscard's conduct in open court? Is it true that other prominent figures in France, as yet unnamed, were also the happy recipients of imperial gifts? Maitre Szpiner does his Gallic

"Please remember that our



Jean-Bédel Bokassa, former ruler of the Central African Republic, entering the court house in Bangui under armed escort at the beginning of his trial on November 26.

client has served France with great distinction as a soldier and carries with pride the medals pinned on him by General de Gaulle. Such a man has the right to defend his honour as he sees fit."

Even if the old soldier is found guilty, it is highly debatable whether he will ever face the firing squad. The parents of the children (more than 100 by some count) whom Bokassa is said to have had beaten to death, for protesting against his decree ordering them to huy school uniforms from his wife's fac-

tory, may still be thirsting for the evil demons of the vengeance. But to the extent dictatorship". Having takeo that any outsider can establish, the ordinary people har-bour very little hatred for the ruler who once held their lives in the palm of his hand. To them, he is simply a man, once great, oow laid low, who missed his own country so much that he returned to die

at home, sooner or later. As for those in power now. the impending trial is oot exactly an occasion for rejoicing whatever President Kolingba may say publicly about the need to "exorcise for ever

the cupboard?

And if he is finally con-victed, what then? Shoot him like the others and risk creat-

found unhart within hours,

Police set up an operations

Gabriel Muesca is a well-

centre in Pau to co-ordinate

efforts to capture the escaped

along with the cars.

ing a martyr of the supposed monster? How much better it would have been, perhaps, if dent for Life, Commander-io-Chief, and more besides, had

the commendable decision to bring Bokassa before an open civilian court, who knows what skeletons, some perhaps real, may then turnhie out of

Among the signalories were Mr Faisal Husseini, head of the Arah Studies Society. Mr Hanna Siniora, editor of the pro-PLO newspaper, 4/ Fair, from Bir Zeit University. where two students were shot dead by Israeli soldiers 10 days ago, starting a wave of protest throughout the occu-

pied territories. In the past there has been strong Israeli criticism of Palestinian leaders for refusing categorically to condemn acts of terrorism. Mr Husseini, who was one of the organizers of the statement, said yesterday: "We must find the courage to say it was wrong."
Mr Teddy Kollek, the

of PLO

disown

stabbing

From Ian Murray

Supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Israel have condemned an attempt last Friday night to

stab an elderly religious Jew to

death near the walls of the Old
City of Jerusalem.
The condemnation is the
first of its kind and shows that

moderate PLO leaders want to

distance themselves from the

kind of violent acts which

have made the organization

unacceptable as the true representative of the Palestinian

people.
The stabbing victim was Mr

David Lipshitz, an ultra orthodox Jew, aged 66, who

was on his way home in his

distinctive dress from the Western (Wailing) Wall after saying prayers there on Sabbath evening. As he came to the Damascus Gate two men

stabbed him in the stomach.

Mr Lipshitz staggered up to another ultra orthodox Jew and said: "I don't feel well. I was stabbed by an Arab." He

collapsed and was taken to

hospital, where he is now said

Perhaps because it was Sab-bath evening there was oo time for Israeli leaders 10

make angry public statements.

as happened last month when a Jewish Bible College student

was stabbed to death in the Old City. Leading Palestinians

agreed to issue a statement be-fore there was an official

reactioo.
It read: "We consider this

act to directly contravene the

civilized context of our legiti-mate Palestinian struggle and

we also consider it to be in

complete contradiction to the

humanist principles and re-

ligious laws in which we be-

lieve. While we totally reject

such acts, we also deplore at-tempts by the Israeli media to

connect them to the Palestin-

ian national struggle.

to be out of danger.

Mayor of Jerusalem, said he regarded the stahhing as more dangerous than a real terrorist attack because it underlined the personal animosity of the younger Arab population. who has been serving a five-

Significantly, the conyear prison sentence for his demnation was drawn up by part in deliberately setting fire | the elder statesmen of the Palto a tourist villa in Ascain in estinian movement, not by the youngsters who have been operation, Philippe Bidart, demonstrating angrily against

# Thai anti-opium troops destroy poppy fields

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

The Thai Army has sent extra troops into opium-growing areas of three northern provinces after the discovery of thousands of leaflets urging opium farmers to rebel against the Army's opium eradication

Soldiers flying into mountainous opium fields by helileaflets, supposedly written by leaders of the hill

tribe farmers, say the Army plans to force the farmers from their traditional mounlands, where opium poppies increased enormously,

do not grow well. Thai officials say there is no such plan and that the leaslets are the work of dealers.

More than 6,000 acres of opium poppies will be destroyed in the operation which is largely financed by dooalions from the American, West German and Norwegian year compared with last.

Large plantations of mari-

# Kurds held in Palme case

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

were arrested at the weekend and interrogated in connection with the assassination of Olof Palme, the Swedish Prime Minister, earlier this year.

The two men were taken into custody after fighting broke out between groups of Kurds in a jazz cluh in Stockholm's Old Town, where Mr Palme bad lived.

less opium is being grown this men was also armed with a knife.

The public prosecutor, Mr

Two Kurdish immigrants were being brought against after a hunt through the sere arrested at the weekend one or both men. winding, cobbled streets of the Old Town. It was during this bunt that the older man fired at his pursuers with a 7.65-calibre

Beretta pistol.

tried to reload the gun.

Police working on the Palme

murder would not comment on

the arrests yesterday, but it

that their "main theory"

concerning the murder of Mr

Palme is that it was the work

of a Kurdish hit squad in

The men, who have not been named, belong to the Marxist Kurdish Workers' Party, two of whose members are serving life sentences for the murder in His jacket pockets were stuffed with ammunition, pol-ice said, and at one point he

Sweden of political opponents.
They are aged 23 and 26 respectively, the older man already listed as a suspected terrorist by security police copter are now destroying governments. That officials six shots were fired at with orders to report to the thousands of acres of poppies. claim that nearly 20 per cent police and one of the arrested police every day in Sollentana. where he lives. Four people were treated for

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# **Basque terrorists free** after raid on Pau jail From Susan MacDonald, Paris

Three French Basques, dre-ssed as gendarmes, took the director of Pau prison, his them. The hostages were daughter and son-in-law hostage late on Saturday night and freed two jailed terrorists, police said vesterday.

Jean Gabriel Mouesca and

Marie-France Heguy, both in prisoners and their rescuers. their twenties, are self-declared militant members of known Inarretarrak figure Iparretarrak, an organization dence for the Basque country. The group is said by police to consist of only a handful of people, of whom five now remain in jail.

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natic, is not a direct line to

truth; it is a commitment to a-system of belief. At least that is the conclusion I draw from

a striking Ulster documentary.

Out of the Maze (December

7). Alison Hilliard had been

talking to former inmates of the Maze Prison, both Loyal-

ist and Republican, about the

lengths to which they had gone

to educate themselves while

serving their sentences. Her

programme was a record of

prodigious energy and ingenu-

ity in the pursuit of learning.

**RADIO** 

The Open University is

much petronized and the

prison has a respectable num-ber of graduates, while the

total of papers passed with

distinction is way above average. Though the O.U. has been criticized as promoting "Ulster's University of Ter-

rorism", prisoners seem free to study what they like under

its aegis. However, as one

contributor put it, education

in the Maze is above all a form

of politicization, so the authorities keep pretty tight

rein on what other sorts of

This puts both prisoners and their visitors on their

mettle. Forbidden writings are copied out on thin paper, rolled up tight and covertly passed over during visits. The prisoner arrives with the seam

of his trouser-seat ready split and promptly lodges the illicit.

package in his crotch. To learn

Gaelic is de rigueur, and we

heard of lessons conducted by the teacher standing at his cell door shouting instructions to

As this may suggest, such commitment is primarily Republican. It is not just that

there are fewer Loyalists;

those there are do not seem to

be so strongly motivated. One,

Republican, not perhaps an impartial observer, described the average Loyalist prisoner, as more criminal than intellec-

tual, but one of their own

number said revealingly that

the difficulty stems to a great

extent from the fact that

Loyalists have a fundamental

problem defining what their

cause is - in other words arriving at a coherent and

energizing system of belief. For the Republican by contrast that is no problem at all.

This programme was one example of radio's enduring

ability to find uncommon

subjects and make stimulating

programmes of them. BBC

Manchester's Actuality (Sun-

days) regularly provides oth-

ers. For its last two editions it

has been following a small

Lancashire group of traince

Samaritans through their in-

duction. A weekend in-troduced them to depressives, potential suicides, telephonie

masturbators ("guess what. I've got in my hand") who

quickly turn foul-mouthed

when discouraged and a vari-

ety of other awkward cus-

tomers. None of these was a

real-life situation: tutors,

taught by lone, hard experi-

ence, played the roles. They

conveyed the flavour, but

little of the sheer stamina

needed to hang on patiently

for a caller who cannot bring

himself to speak for 40 min-

utes, or to listen to and find

the right response for a deep

depressive well into his third hour non-stop. There is

There is a touch of the same,

of dedication anyway, to be

found in The Band (Radio 2,

Tuesdays). Angela Rippon,

with just the right amount of

British gusto, is presenting

three rather seductive pro-

grammes about the Band of

the Royal Marines. A very

great deal of music by no

means submerges a brisk

script and many informative

and interesting bits of interview. And the range of the

music is formidable - these

military musicians can turn

their hands to anything from

David Wade

classical to pop.

commitment for you.

the others on his row.

literature are permitted.

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# A light fantastic

The Everyman programme Candles in the Dark (BBC1) was an exploration of the mysterious 17th-century painter Georges de la Tour, whose contemplative scenes of light and shade were dominated by candlelight. Leading with the quotation "the more a man is a painter, the more he is pre-occupied with the embodiment of the truth", the Everyman team scraped at the question of what, in this instance, the truth might be. They journeyed to the painter's home town of Lorraine and employed the interpretative skills of four experts to examine how far his still, rich paintings were secular or religious and what in any case is meant by

### **TELEVISION**

The beauty of the paintings alone was worth seeing and the discussion complemented rat-her than diminished their power. Talking of truth, 2 studio reconstruction of one of De la Tour's Mary Mag-dalenes demanded several tungsten bulbs to reproduce the same light as she appears bathed in from a single flame.

The South Bank Show— Arts Review 86 (LWT) was the flip-side of television arts coverage—a colourful hors-d'oenvre trolley wheeled on to remind us of all the performances we should have taken note of during the last 12 months. Had it been possible to view this at the beginning of the year it would have served as the ideal guide for people whose interest in the arts is restricted to talking-points.

The producers, Jamie Muir and Jill Freeman, proved that they were entirely au courant with the 1986 arts scene, choosing to bring on calt successes such as Courtney Pine, Jason Osborn and Dagmar Krause as musical high spots, Michael Clark and Company to represent ballet and Les Liaisons dangereuses as the best of theatre.

Watching all this in the studio was a curiously underemployed celebrity audience. Melvyn Bragg's dip into this crowd's favourite events revealed that the actress Margi Clarke highly recommended her boyfriend Jamie Reid's show, the critic Gillian Reynolds enjoyed her panel's Booker Prize short-list and Patricia Hodge could not better her next-door neighbour Kenith Trodd's Singing Det-

> Alexandra Shulman

# ROCK

Hank Ballard Hammersmith Palais

When Hank Ballard wrote "The Twist" in 1958, his record company issued it as the flip-side of a pleasant little doo-wop ballad titled "Teardrops on Your Letter". Two years later, Chuhby Checker covered "The Twist" and turned it into the dance craze of the century; you would have to go a long way to find

somebody who remembers
"Teardrops on Your Letter".

Making his long-delayed
British debut, Ballard reminded us in several ways that he was among rock 'n' roll's true pioneers. "When I was 16 years old", he said during one introduction. "your parents used to call me a dirty old man for singing this." The number in question was "Work With Me. Annie", a celebration of unfettered teenage lihido which did indeed cause a stir when it made its appearance

in 1954.

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It has been many years since Hank Ballard was last perceived as a threat to the moral values of the western world, and his performance was an unashamedly nostalgic celebration of a simpler time. Yet this was no cheap-and-cheerful oldies show whereas a band including three singers. three horns and five rhythm would have been the norm in 1958, today it represents a sizeable investment. Clearly, 100. no effort had been spared in routining and rehearsing a show that invously recreated the pace and style of rhythm 'n' blues revues of the Fifties

A frim figure in a velvet and Sixties. tuxedo and slacks with knifeedge creases, Ballard saw no need to aim his keening, vibrato-heavy teaor at anything out of the idiom. "Let's Go Let's Go Let's Go", a vigorous boogie song first recorded in 1900 and recently reissued with some success, could have rocked on all night, while the gritty blues mood of Elmore James's "The Sky is Crying" showed off the thoughtful interplay of lead singer, hacking voices and horns. He also delivered both "The Twist" and "Teardrops on Your Letter"—and it must be said that the latter is by far the better song of the two, vindicating that fateful judgement of almost 30 years ago.

Richard Williams

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# Survival is not enough

pera houses must not be run by weakings: "we are hucksters". So spoke Peter Jonas managing director of the Eng-hsh Nanonal Opera, a few days ago. Words as aggressive as these would not have been heard when he first took over from Lord Harewood at the Coliseum. During his opening term he kept a low and possibly over-courteous profile. Recently, though, the attitude has become more belligerent and part of the reason for the change has been a

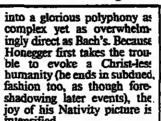
series of meetings at the Arts Council.

A couple of months ago the Council's four major clients (the Royal Opera House, the National Theatre, the RSC and ENO) were summoned to Piccadilly for a "crisis meeting". More recently all the opera companies, including the regional ones, have been quizzed. The encounters are unlikely to have been pleasant, especially in view of a stealthily growing anti-opera feeling within the Council, and Jonas is probably right to

risk a little aggression.
"I could sense a 'let's try and get by'
attitude for 1987, which is what you might well expect in a year that will probably see a general election", he says.
"The concept of equal misery for all is one that holds absolutely no appeal for me and I suggested to them that they should adopt a much more radical stategy. We have gone through a gruesome two years and, quite bluntly, I want to put a bit more brandy - metaphorically speaking - in the belly of the Council.

"They have before them a budget from me for next year, which they have described as 'reasonable' — in other words a fair representation of our needs - but in their view probably not realizable." The difference between the "reasonable" and the "not realizable" is

almost certainly in six figures.
The Arts Council is good at listening,



brates Christmas — especially that produced by British composers in the last 20 years — is nostalgic, tinselly tosh. Why choirs which exercise Under Martin Neary's diadmirable taste for 11 months rection the Winchester Catheselves to singing quasi-nurs-ery-rhymes in December I do dral Choir, the (Winchesterbased) Waynflete Singers and the English Chamber Or-chestra gave a delightfully not know, though I suspect the need to raise easy funds is a fresh-toned, responsive per-formance. Perhaps more prime motive.

Honegger's Une Cantate de Noël is not exactly intellectually rigorous, but it towers punch and unanimity was needed for the powerful cries like a great conifer over this of "O viens!" early on, and the musical forest of plastic holly. busier textures could have been delineated more sharply, but this was a good advertise-ment for a neglected work. only Christmas cantata to begin with a dead march: a

Parts One and Two of Bach's Christmas Oratorio had begun the concert, rather. politely interpreted. The Evangelist, William Kendall, and the bass David Wilsonwith this mood, so one was grateful to that exciting counter-tenor, Christopher Robson, for injecting some chorus interrupts with a cry of rejoicing, and the whole texhigh-ranging vigour, in "Be-reite dich, Zion".

Richard Morrison

# Clarity bridging the centuries

Hilliard Ensemble Elizabeth Hall

Photograph of Peter Jonas by Tim Bishon

**CONCERTS** 

Another performance by the London Symphony Orchestra

of Tchaikovsky's Sixth Sym-

phony? Well, yes, the prospect

was a little distressing, but in the event the conductor on

this occasion, Leonard Slat-

kin, managed to pull some-

thing rather special out of the

hat, motivating his players

into giving a performance that

obviously meant much to

But it did not begin well.

However often an orchestra

plays the piece there are still

tricky corners where absolute

concentration, preferably boosted by a slice of luck, is

needed to guarantee safe pas-sage, and one such place was heard to be at the very

opening. Soon, though, it be-

came evident that Slatkin was

ness to upset his reading, and a

development ensued in which

the orchestra's full fury,

weighted perhaps slightly too

heavily in favour of the brass

department, was unleashed upon us. Then came the famous lop-sided waltz, where

the strings, and particularly the cellos and basses, really

began to show how elegantly

and precisely they could play. Wisely Slatkin refrained

from allowing the March to

become as raucous as it some-

times sounds; and what it lost

in garishness it gained in an

almost imperceptible, but

wholly appropriate, sense of remoteness. Many in the audi-

ence, as usual, had not both-ered to give their (expensive)

programmes even the most

casual scan, spoiling what

should have been a shattering

contrast between the March's

loud, fast and empty music

and a deeply personal expression of despair by ap-

plauding between this move-

ment and the last. But Slatkin

soon wrested back his control.

drawing from the LSO a finale

of impressive intensity, de-spite the momentary distress of the low muted horns. It is

some time since one experi-

enced Tchaikovsky's self-tor-

affair altogether too relaxed,

Indeed, she generated ample tension in her own role,

making a beautifully ex-

ment as directly as this.

not going to allow any ragge

LSO/Slatkin

Barbican

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Much of the music that cele-

a year should resign them-

For instance, it must be the

groaning sound which devel-

ops from sombre organ clus-ters and dislocated streaks of

low string melody into a

violent orchestral texture,

over which the chorus sings the pentiential psalm "De

This, of course, depicts "the

people that walked in dark-

ness". Suddenly a boys

ture crupts into a multilingual

pageant of folk-carols, woven

Barbican

This concert was just the thing to clear the musical palate before the onset of Christmas celebrations. The Hilliard En-semble sang only two works of unarguable substance— Byrd's Mass for Four Voices, which was sensibly given in three instalments (after all, no 16th-century congregation would have sat inactive through the piece without anything else happening) and Lassus's gigantic and emotive Cum Natus esset Jesus, a setting of the tale of Herod despatching the Wise Men to seek the infant Jesus.

Both works were sung with By comparison, Dvorák Cello Concerto had been an all the poise we expect of this group, doubled in size on this occasion by the addition of too reliable, though the solo-ist, the Soviet cellist Natalia Gutman, could not be blamed. four guest singers. Their tempos and phrasing were always beautifully relaxed, they showed meticulous attention to matters of balance, and their intonation was as near perfect as it is possible to be. pressive sound that seemed All of which conspired to help this music speak with a clarity

genuinely to come from within, and playing with an ear for paragraph and chapter that made it the more moving. But the smaller pieces really lent the concert its atmosphere Stephen Pettitt of celebration - and a fine

variety of them there was. They ranged from the spec-tacular hocketing of the 14thcentury English motet "Epi-phanium Dominum", the smoothly consonant style of "Ecce quod natura" - also English but from the next century - and a well-chosen selection of that instantly identifiable genre, the 15th-century English carol, to the decidedly odd Scottish medley "All Sons of Adam", which claimed 17th-century origin hut showed many a 15th-century trait with its bare harmonies and stylized ca-

dences. In the end, though, the section juxtaposing Austrian, Spanish, French and English music best reflected the Christmas message of universal goodwill. The works chosen here were either gently and naïvely touching (the Austrian "Weihnachtslied" and the French "Jésus nait tendre et blême") or engagingly ebullient (the tongne-twisting Spanish "Riu, riu, ehiu" and the antiphonal exchanges of the rousing English "Nowell, nowell"). Whichever, they provided as much spiritual succour as could any Beetho-

### Peter Jonas, Managing Director of English National Opera, begins to rebel after two 'gruesome' years

less good at making correct decisions. This autumn it has been assessing the major companies from three basic points view: their artistic success, their ability to give value for money and the way they conform to the game plan of The Glory of the Garden - if the tatters of

that document still survive.

Next weekend, unresolved problems permitting, the Council will announce the next grant for the four major companies and Peter Jonas is well aware that his colleagues will have been crying poverty just as loudly as he has. The ling is that he might do marginally better in financial terms, but that the difference will not be sufficient to lift ENO off the breadline.

here are those who believe that the big four would do better if they were funded directly by government — as in the case of some European countries rather than via the Arts Council. Jonas is cautious about that one: "The arm's-length principle of an Arts Council is sensible provided that arm is working. If the partnership breaks down then we will be forced to think again. We will have to see whether the pact of the last two years - and we have kept our part of it - is

worth keeping."
Harsh treatment for the ENO could mean either a shorter season or longer runs of the most popular operas. Neither option finds much favour with Jonas. One of the penalties of that pact has been a flurry of cheap and sometimes garish

the latest was Carmen, a fortnight ago. The idea of the semi-disposable staging began with the NorWest Holst series a few years ago hut has percolated through to some of the works which should be corner-stones of the repertory - and durable corner-stones at that.

"Lack of money forces radical solutions and radical productions", Jonas said, "although in theatrical terms I reckon Carmen — despite a certain brashness - to be quite conservative. In straight financial terms it is cheaper to put a greatcoat on stage than a period costume. I believe too that the public perception of opera has changed markedly over the past decade. The public is now an impatient animal: it looks for speed, it laps things up and then it tires. But I don't think we should go too far in our semi-disposable productions, as you call them. I hope that our Boccanegra next Easter will be around for a long

"Our plans for 1987/88, if we are allowed to realize them, include two 'corner-stone operas' in which I hope to restore some of the traditional production values which the cuts of the past two years have forced us to drop."

Straightforward fund-raising now takes up about 15 per cent of Peter Jonas's working week, something he did not expect when he took on the job, after a lengthy stint with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. "When I came first into the business of arts administration the concern was with assembling an artistic team and then giving them every possible support. You did that by prompting them with ideals. In Chicago Solti, Giulini and Abbado all aught me that ideals could move mountains. that ideals could move mountains. And I still believe that. We are not here merely

John Higgins

Menotti double bill Sadler's Wells

England may so far have been spared Goya, Menotti's latest opera for grown-ups, reviewed from the States recently on this page, but it has been landed with a four-year-old opera in one act for children and for people who like children" (sic).

The Boy Who Grew Too Fast tells the story of a strapping lad who, at least six feet tall at the age of nine, has the added disability of being called Poponel Skosvodmonit. An eccentric Dr Schrinck has the machine to effect the cure he has obviously pat-ented; the patient, for his part, must conform thereafter. Any mulmur of individual dissent will put the inches on again.

The moral is obvious - not too obvious, though, for us to suffer its spelling out at the been 40 minutes of miserably vapid accompanied recitative, a wince-making libretto and slack dramatic structure. There is the Heath Robinson Schrincking machine the Herr Doktor planted in the stalls, and a machine-gunning terrorist to rivet a young audience's attention: the latter a ploy of questionable taste for anyone living in the real world.

The irony of the evening lies in the cosiness of matter and manner with which this fable of nonconformity is created. It is to the credit of Judith Howarth (Miss Hope, the teacher), Maureen Morelle (Poponel's mother) Paul Crook (Dr Schrinck) and Poponel himself (Graham Godfrey), among a hard-work-



James Rainbird alert and supple-voiced in the title-role of Amakl and the Night Visitors with the composer Gian Carlo Menotti, who himself plays the part of an old musician (photograph by Harry Kerr)

comment about sleeping works, has a wonderfully alert,

auto-suggestion.
Thank goodness for Amahl
and the Night Visitors.
Menoth's little magi-miracleplay is twinned with the morality", and John Pascoe's morality", and John Pascoe's hie bill will be broadcast on production captures all the Radio 3 on Christmas Eve. warm spice and sweetness unique to the piece. David ing cast, that the Doctor's Syrus, who conducts both

through it all does not work by auto-suggestion. Supple-voiced Amahl in James Rainbird, a strong mother in Lorna Haywood and three very wise men in John Dobson, Roderick Earle and Curtis Watson. The dou-

Hilary Finch

# Playing without excitement

vensky back at Covent Garden to conduct half of this season's performances of The Nut-cracker the account of Tchaikovsky's score we heard on Saturday afternoon was thoroughly assured, smooth and pleasant. Yet it lacked the special excitement the music enjoyed when the production was new at Christmas 1984; something of the nuances and the spirit had faded.

Is it that Covent Garden allows too little preparation time before a revival? Or perhaps that for this orchestra familiarity soon breeds con-tempt? Boredom on their part might be justified if the pro-gramme sheet's claim of 83 previous performances in the past two seasons were correct; I make it actually 29 but perhaps that is already too The Nutcracker

We had n new Dross-elmeyer, David Bintley. He follows the production's in-tentions by playing the role seriously and sadly in spite of touches of humour, notably his meeting with the children at the Christmas party. Within that concept he is subtle, convincing and touching; but am I the only person who misses the more grotesque, Hoffmannesque character we

Ravenna Tucker and Jonathan Cope danced the pas de deax which is all the nominal

# John Percival

(calm, superior, menaciog)

and Kate Dyson interlard the

bleak small talk of a dulled

his music.

the floor?



There are more felicities of middle-class chat and putthing more pungent than these down but as a comment on the ambiguities of life the incidents forfeit all credence once we have detected the first crucial lie. And a moratorium. please, on stage fathers who forget their little daughters' birthday parties.

### With Gennadi Rozhdesttions, more alarming at times but more genial in total effect? DANCE

Covent Garden

much for these connoisseurs to endure even first-rate ballet music.

used to see in past produc-

denies it; Charles later denies

that he accused him. The

problem is certainly distant

from such issues as how best to divide one's kingdom, but,

even if Ayckbourn is not

attempting the Greek style of

following tragedy with a satyr play of earthy jollity, audi-ences may well sigh for some-

Three round tables, some

chairs, some drinks are the

only props. Paul Todd, com-

poser, stands behind them

playing synthesizer - too loudly for some of the voices,

ootably Diane Bull as Mich-

Orpington courtesies.

principals have in this version. She is bright and musical, with n lot of charm; he dances with more panache than any of his Royal Ballet contemporaries. Simon Rice makes the Nutcracker a lively, likeable young fellow and behaves with uncondescending gallantry to-wards little Clara, played with nncloying sweetness by Sarab Wildor, n pupil at the Royal Ballet School. Other students, Wallet School. Other students, who played various assorted characters through the show, all danced simply and well. Many of their adult colleagues, alas, tended to overact and under-dance.



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as well as phrase.

What About Luv Orange Tree

Richmood's adventurous small theatre has netted a near Christmas success in this musical based on Murray Schisgal's Luv, a play seen over here in the Sixties and subsequently turned into a film, though not a good one, for Jack Lemmon.

The minute stage represents part of a New York bridge from which the cast of three make various attempts to put a watery end to their lives. Two of them manage to fall in but passing barges or the

Kim Grant's spirited direc-tion places a beach too far forward, so that some of the side seats have to rely on the expressive power of the back of an actor's neck. Seats on two instead of three sides would remove this trouble.

sung suicide note from Harry, played by a hangdog Peter Kelly resembling Manuel after a rough day at the Towers. His old schoolmate Milt (Jay Benedict) appears and persuades him to take aboard his unwanted wife. One year later Harry's tendency to retreat from the world inside a brown paper bag has finally sapped Ellen's motherly forbearance, and she and Milt, now in love with her again, attempt to

The evening begins with a

propel Harry, with or without bag, over the parapet. Although this scenario

the witty lyrics (Susan Birken-bead), closely following the speech content of Schisgal's original script, make the show a remarkably buoyant occasion. Performances are stylized some degrees out from reality; Gaye Brown's in particular treats us to a vigorous, shoulder-flicking, prancing portrayal that fully exploits the show's mockery of Broadway sentiment, coincidence and pluck.

ven quartet.

The artificial treatment cannot obscure the fact that this is at heart a sad little piece. The music, played on keyboards by a genial Jonathan Cohen, minimizes the chilling effect of this, and Schisgal's paiterned dialogue makes a fruitful base for Howard Marren's music. The contest to lay claim to the rottenest childhood is a natural for musical sounds inescapably sombre conversion, as is the comic

test to see what abuses love will surmount. A kick on the shins? Oh yes. A thump in the loved fur coat over the parapet? I close the review at this point to conceal the ontcome. Jeremy Kingston

National

infidelity in the gardens and

bedrooms of commuterland. Perhans theatregoers emerging from King Lear will be kidneys? Yes, yes. Holding a glad to relax over a glass of port, idly wondering if Mi-chael really is having an affair with Charles's wife. Michael denies it, Janice

Mere Soup Songs

For half a dozen performances over the Christmas period four members of Alan Ayckbourn's group at the National take over the Lyttelton Buffet to present a late-night cabaret on the theme of not telling the truth. Expect nothing harsh. Ayckbourn's songs and dialogue play gently with accusations and denials of

# A local council, a national concern

Brent has become imbedded in the national consciousness as a synonym for loony left. Brian James traces the

borough's descent into chaos after manipulation by the extreme left and complacency by the respectable right

 It did not just happen. From the early Sixties, when the council solemnly debated for two hours the proposition that the borough should not join the rest of Britain in switching to British Summer Time, a random seed of municipal lunacy has been taking root.

● It was tended to its present luxuriant growth by the manipulation of some of the cleverest, most street-wise politicians of Labour's extreme left. But it was fertilized, too, by the early indifference of the respectable right, dug-in in the Tory stronghold above the North Circular road. The arriving ethnic minorities had wanted to be involved with the middleclass, middle-road. They were rejected.

• The process by which Brent thus established the foundation for its current crises is well, if subjectively, described by Robert Lacey, a Conservative activist in the borough for 25 years, and the man who masterminded the right's dramatic seizure of power in 1982. Last year, as a result of too many 19-hour days and the tension of "almost weekly" death threats, Lacey retired from politics in Brent.

test-bed when John Lebor, a Communist Party youth organizer, joined the Labour party and was elected to the council of which he later became leader. The irony here is that in 1986 he was deselected and lost his seat having now apparently. become too "right".

trial run for entryism were of Irish origin, and most were delayed, however, because the concentrated in one parfollowing year Brent was swung massively to the right by a nationwide municipal shift to the Conservatives. "Tories in Brent sat back smug," Lacey says. "As they saw it, they were there now for life. But they were ignoring what was happening in the south of the horough."

What was happening there was an influx of West Indianborn families, respectable, amhitious and anxious to play a part in their new homeland, Lacey says. "But everywhere they had doors slammed in their faces. Even our churches told them to go find an iron

hut and start their own.
"What we did was even sillier. Tory canyassers would knock on a door and when a hlack face answered they'd say 'Oh, sorry, wrong house' and try next door. Most of the you can get. The left wing in in Brent." Brent cottoned on to this at once. 'Labour?' they'd say. 'So are we. Sign here.' They scooped the pool. And the seven elections after 1964 were

powerful weapon being forged which meant huge, costly in Brent: the squat as base. transportation of officials and

rent was used as a "We had a bit of an invasion into our empty flats," Lacey says. Many squatters were teachers or social workers, skilled at using the system.

Most were Marxists or Trotskyists, "with about as little in common with the traditional Labour party as we

The next date of significance, Lacey recalls, was 1982: the census. That showed that The consequences of this Brent had a huge population liamentary constituency. Brent East. "I think it was at this point that Ken Livingstone's fascination with the borough was born. And shortly afterwards that he began inviting IRA politicians to address the GLC - which would do no harm with the Irish in the area he had picked out as his path to Parliament."

he entryism ploy had now gone far beyond packing smoke-filled ward committees. Using their majority on threeman appointment committees the Brent Labour group were doling out council jobs to active supporters: jobs that would permit them time off to work politically in some neighbouring borough. "It is estimated that 2,000 hard-left Jamaicans, a majority of the party workers have got highly-Afro-Caribbeans here, had paid non-jobs in our major been supporters back home of cities," says Lacey. "A disthe Jamaica Labour Party, proportionate number will be which is about as right-wing as found employed by or active In 1982, Brent council was

going berserk — it was a year of total guerrilla warfare" Lacey insists. An example: They took council meetings swung against us again and out of the council chamber again by the black vote." gain by the black vote." and started touring them
The Seventies saw another around the borough schools —

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Who's foxier than Basil

Brush, and 'cleaner' than

Sooty? And in an annual

and stories?

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that's bursting

games and jokes

It's Griffin! The

with puzzles and



files. The first two hours of the meetings would be open to them when we could. And one meetings would be open to public petitions or questions.
Only Labour committee chairmen were permitted to respond. All controversial items would be put to the back of the agenda, when as many as 60 items would be swept through on one show of hands.

The Labour group's unease that provoked these measures was rooted in the composition of the council: 33 Labour, 30 Tory and three Liberal, giving the socialist mayor the casting vote. One defector would swing control to the right.

The Tories started to work on selected targets. "We picked out people who had a strong faith, churchgoers of any persuasion. They couldn't be easy with what was going on. What we did was flatter

Threatened: Rnbert Lacey

<sup>6</sup>They appoint

the politically

incompetent ?

ities, a London "record". Crucially, too, it was the Tory chairmen of the education and race relation and policy and resources committees who set up and approved the investigation into Brent schools and approved the idea of appointing 180 specially-equipped teachers to confront the massive under-achievement of black children. hy has this Torv

Sunday Mrs Amhrosine Neil

telephoned me. She was the

genuine voice of the Afro-Caribbean people. She had

The chaos consequent on Mrs Neil's defection in December 1982 attracted

world-wide media attention:

police escorts were needed to

get her and her new Tory

friends into the fateful council

meeting where missiles and

Lacey insists that in the two

and half years his group held

its perilous grip on Brent until

the 1986 elections, they made

steps to win back the Afro-

Caribbean support. They set up a black husiness advice

bureau. Brent went into the

last election with 19 can-

didates from ethnic minor-

punches were thrown.

had enough.

legacy to Brent caused so much controversy? Because those who wrote the joh definitions and are now sitting on the appointment committees are appointing people in their own image: the politically committed but incompetent, Lacey insists. "As one teacher told me, when in frustration I asked what he was doing here, "Where else would I get a job,

committed but Some confirmation for Robert Lacey's certainly rightsided view comes from a political opponent, Reg Freeson, the long-serving La-bour MP de-selected last year

in favour of Livingstone. 'There has heen a conspiracy," he says. "Caucus politics tends to identify and home-in on an area where it senses a chance of success. Because of the minorities, Brent was such an area. The same dozen or so names appear and interweave in a pattern that is obvious. For evil to triumph, the good must stay silent. At last in Brent some of the good are beginning to raise their voices."

# Standing guard for civic pride

many a hard-fought industrial dispute: a group of muffled figures on guard at the entry. with a makeshift shelter, a pot of tea and a blazing fire to

warm the small hours. But the team who have nntside the Vale Farm sports centre in north Brent since early October are not trade union pickets but neighbours, mounting a concerted resis-

tance to their own council. They are keeping watch to prevent any surprise move to implement a threat hy Brent council to turn the overflow car-park at the £7 million sports centre into a caravan plot for a band of several hundred gypsies who settled earlier this year in Fryent Park in the same part of the

The residents are convinced that the plan was designed to punish them. Their mistrust epitomizes the division be-tween the suburban north and the deprived south of the borough and it fuels the campaign to have the north set free as a re-created separate borough of Wembley.

"There is an element of spite in it, that's certain," says Norman Treweren, one of the rota standing guard. "I know even staunch Labour voters in this part of the borough who are saying that they cannot vote for these people after all that has happened."
The residents indignantly

cherish a reported remark by Councillor Colum Moloney last August (he has claimed it was taken out of context) to the effect that the influx in the park was the best thing to happen in North Brent in years, and "would teach the people of Kingsbury a bloody good lesson".

The Government is to decide later this month whether to confirm planning permission for the borough's plan. It is unlikely to dn so, but until then the residents are determined to

ensure that it is not implemented by fait accompli. "We are ready to keep the travellers off by any means short of violence," says Ver-

ers, Nesbeth is black, though his presence in deputations to the town hall has not saved them from being accused of

"Wembley was a viable homogeneous borough with great civic pride," says Jnhn Benton, chairman of the Brent North Conservative Associ-ation. "The North Circular runs across the borough like the Berlin Wall. With a population of over 150,000, economically we would be fine. We would probably be more efficient to run than the megaborough of Brent."

Mike Harskin, a Liberal councillor, agrees that the council lets hias against the north influence its administrative acts: "But the UDI campaign is futile. Wembley would be too small to keep up

# There is an element of spite in it?

the level of services - it simply going to happen. In fact it would be no

smaller than Kingston or Kensington and Chelsen, if the borough was split along the North Circular as Benton proposes. Its population would be about 150,000. But the outcome would be to create not one mini-borough but two the other even smaller than Wembley and dramatically laden with problems.

The sense of alienation in the north is palpable, however, and the council's actions have created a hostility and suspicion which have gone far to destroy whatever cohesion the borough once enjoyed.

"What would we feel about a UDI? They'd never let it happen, would they? Who pays their rates, after all?" says one of the men keeping watch round the fire at Vale Farm. "But it would be magic simply magic."

George Hill

# non Nesbeth, one of the LIVING UP TO THE 'LOONY' TAG

January, 1975: Labourcontrolled Brent council decides to spend £4,000 on a coffee-bar for truants. August 1982: Dr Rhodes Boyson, Under-Secretary of State for Education, protests at Brent Council's proposal to train four black eachers with no O or A levels. November 1982: A report to November 1982: A report to Brent Council's schools sub-committee concerning a schoolbook, Dip the Puppy, states: "In the opinion of tha Multicultural Adviser the book is racist because of the superimposition of the ideas of (a) black people, (h) savages and (c) eating a nuoov.

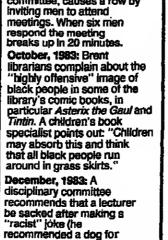
promotion on the grounds

that it was "mostly black").

time of year and it's just £2.95. Makes a great October, 1983: Mrs Kathy Soames, only Conservative on Brent's women's present for kids, (even committee, causes a row by inviting men to attend meetings. When six men respond the meeting breaks up in 20 minutes. if they don't bank at the Midland).

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December, 1984: Posters for a tea dance at Brent town half showing a man and a woman dancing together anger members of the womans'

do not get a look in." March, 1985: Council officials object to a poster advertising a children's concert because it is "racist". It shows a clown with a Union Jack bow-tie.

committee: "Gays and lesbians

July, 1985: Thomas Mann, an SDP mamber of the Brent education committee, objects to racist remarks made by the 18 stone, 6it 5in Kuba Assegal, who then

punches Mann, pins him against a wall and says:"If you vote with the white recist Tories I will kill you." Eventually Assegal is banned from the Town Hall by Labour councillors.

Labour councillors.

August, 1985: All constestants and judges in a dog show are sent a questionnaire about their ethnic origins.

July, 1986: Maureen McGoldrick, 38-year-old headmistress of Sudbury lefants Sentent is supposed at

Infants School, is suspended, alleged to have said sha does not want any more black staff at her school. She is reinstated 15 weeks later.

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# THE BOROUGH IN PROFILE

London Borough of Brent Age groups of population: .47,700 or 18.7% 66,500 or 26% .100,400 or 39.3% ...40,300 or 15.8% (Figures from Office of Population. Censuses and Surveys,

Ethnic origins UK: 114,552 or 46.2% New Commonwealth (India, Pakistan, West Indies, Africa): 83,023 or 33.5% Eire: 28,141 or 11.3% Rest of world: 22,366 or 9.0% (Total 248,092: figures from

981 Brent Census, of people

living in private households.) Brent has three constituencies, two held by Labour and one by the Conservatives. Brent bouth has been held since 1959 by Laurie Pavitt, MP (Lab), who enjoys a 10,519 or

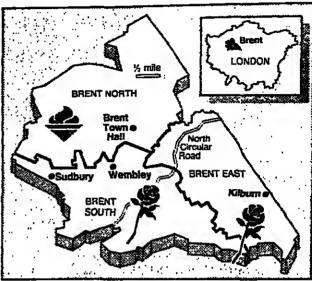
26.4 per cent majority.

Brent East has been held since 1964 by Reg Freeson,

Merle Amory, aged 29, who was first elected in 1981. Known for her abrasive style, Ms Amory works at the Inner London Education Authority as an equal opportunity adviser and is married to Paul Franklin, chairman of the local government committee of the Brent Labour Party.

Another of Brent's most influential apparatchiks is Ron Anderson, aged 35, who heads the education committee. Employed as a teacher by neighbouring Haringey. Mr Anderson was once president of the Brent branch of the National Union of Teachers hut has since become a fierce critic of the union over "its unsupportive attitudes to education policy in Brent".

The vice chairman of the education committee. Mr Nitim Parsbotam, aged 30, a lecturer at the London Borough of Enfield, is attributed with spearheading legal moves



MP (Lab), who has a 4,834 or 12 per cent majority. Dr Rhodes Boyson, the Conservative minister for Local Government, has held Brent North since 1974, and has a majority of 14,651 or 33.2 per

Pavitt is expected to retire at the next election and the official Labour prospective candidate for his safe seat is Paul Boateng, who may be the first black MP to enter the House of Commons for more than 50 years. Boateng is a former colleague of Ken Livingstone on the Greater controversial

Livingstone will make his East, having successfully

cillors, 23 are either unteachers (seven). Eleven councillors work in the private sector in either a self-employed or salaried capacity and the rest work in the public sector.

Leader of the council and head of the powerful policy and resources committee is



Merle Avory against Maureen McGoldrick. the bead teacher suspended this year for alleged racism.

Other leading figures in the council's dominant hard-left faction include Christine Winter, aged 33, a senior housing London Council and was the advisor at the left wing first chairman of the GLC's London Borough of Camden police and Mannbhai Patel, aged 58, a former sub-postmaster.

Chief power behind the run for Parliament from Brent Brent Council throne occupied somewhat apologetically edged Freeson out of the race hy the mayor. Les Ford, aged to contest Brent East at the 56 and unemployed, is the next election.

Of Brent's 43 Labour counZealous race-relations adviser,
Soonn Engineer, aged 39. Her zealous race-relations adviser. name has cropped up in most employed (eight), employed hearings involving education by other councils (eight) or department employees sacked hy the council for alleged

Her immediate superior is Russell Profitt, aged 38, who has admitted "using the law to its maximum" in the push to employ more blacks.



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# Maternity and the military

Women officers in the British army may bear neither arms nor children.

Clare Dyer reports on a last bastion of sexual inequality

nspecting the troops at a recent Sovereign's Parade at Sandhurst, the Queen asked Sandhurst, the Queen asked why the oew womeo officers were herded off into a corner while their male eolleagues marched proudly round the parade square. "Their skirts are too tight," she was told. Since then the top brass at the Royal Military Academy, which saw its first intake of cadets in skirts in April 1984, have overskirts in April 1984, have overcome their sartorial reservations. These days, when the newly commissioned officers go through their paces, the girls are out there straining the seams in their A-line skirts as they bash the square with

the rest of the chaps.

The 50 WRACs who hope to win their officers' pips next April will form part of the supporting ranks of junior cadets who march oo and off the parade square at the opening and close of the ceremony. The props they carry will firmly underline the fundamental distinction between men's and women's roles in the British army. women do oot bear arms. While the male cadets brandish rifles, the women will be waving canes.

As the barriers begin to topple, however, recruiting sergeants can oo longer boast that it's a man's life in the army. Last April a 33year-old major, Pepe Simpson, became the first woman to command a company of military police—"100 men, 10 women, 20 horses and a dog". Last Thursday she faced Italian TV oews cameras to answer such questions as: "Women are reaching equality in civilian life oow, do they have full equality in the army?", adding fuel to the debate now raging in Italy about whether to admit women to

the armed forces. In Britain the army has had to come to terms with the fact that women in uniform, like their sisters in business suits, expect to combine marriage and mother-hood with work. One in four of the 400 WRAC officers are married, many of them to other serving officers, but while American and Australian service-womeo with children can stay in their jobs, as far as our service chiefs are concerned maternity and the military doo't mix.



On parade: cadets of the Women's Royal Army Corps still face the prospect of compulsory retirement if they start a family

for two years the right to return to work after her baby's birth, But for a woman soldier pregnaocy spells compulsory retirement. There are plenty of soldiers with children in the British Army, but only two of them are women, and both, the army stress, were highly excep-tional cases - one a widow whose officer husband was killed in Northern Ireland, the other a divorcee whose childreo were oot

living with her at the time.
"The rule is that if you decide to have a family you leave, and they

'Male cadets can brandish rifles: women wave canes'

cormally encourage you to go by the four-mooth stage," explained army public relations officer Captain Joanna Barry. "Once you have children, in many ways you can't perhaps serve the army to the best of your ability, because the idea of being in the army, even if you're married, is that yoo go anywhere at any time."

The rule is particularly hard on. women like Pepe Simpson who sign on for a regular commission, which runs for 16 years from age 21. At the end of that time, in three and a half years, she stands to collect a pension of £4,500 a year for life, and a gratuity of £13,000 In civilian life, the law gives a with the right to commute some of woman who has held down a job her pension to a lump sum of up to parts, with the same right to return for over a year they realized I

£20,000. If she became pregnant oow, she would have to leave with ooly a £5,000 resettlement grant. Married to a civilian she met when they were both teaching at

Sandhurst, Pepe Simpsoo is re-signed to waiting until the age of 37 before starting a family: "I would very much regret it if I became pregnant and I was denied that pension I've worked so long for." She says that in that event she would ask to rejoin the army and start the time running again towards her pension, but so far no

WRAC officer has ever become pregnant, left, and come back.

"It's never been put to the test, hut if a woman was, say, six mooths off her pension, the case would be looked at and something would be done," Captain Barry said. "If she was two or three years off, I suspect what would happen would be that the officer would accept it or she might apply to be taken back in. That wouldn't be automatic and the case would be looked at carefully, because you have to consider oot only the interests of the officer and the army, but of the child,"

American service-women are allowed to stay on in the job well into their pregnancy, wearing special maternity uniforms, and to return after the birth; a spokesman for the US Air. Force estimates that three-quarters of the married women in the force are mothers. Women in the Australian forces are entitled to the same maternity

to their jobs. "Sure, it causes, problems," said an Australian army spokesman, "but no more than within the rest of the

community."
Women doctors in the British army, who are oot subject to the same rules as other women officers, can work as late as they like into their pregnancies and return after the hirth, even though they too may be asked to go anywhere within 24 hours.

Dr Jane Orr left the army eight weeks before the birth of her first

'American servicewomen have special maternity uniforms'

child, though one of her colleagues stayed on: "I left because I had already twice in my career had to whizz off for a few weeks at short ootice," she said. "That doesn't fit in very well with hreast-feeding your children."

It was thanks to Jane Orr that service-women married to civilians won, in 1979, the right to live in married quarters. When she claimed a low-reot army house for herself and her husband Michael, a civilian lecturer, she didn't realise that only men were eligible.
"I didn't specify anywhere that I

was female; there wasn't a place for that on the form," she said.

wasn't eligible and I was given two weeks to move out."

The local paper ran a story

which was picked up by the national press and television, questions were asked in Parliament, and within mooths the rule was changed.

But there is oo sign of a re-think oo the rule which denies pregnant service-women the right to stay in their jobs. Margaret Gibson, whose husband is a serving officer, left the army in 1978 when she became pregnant with her first child. "I wouldn't have stayed oo because I wanted to rear my children myself, at least until primary school age," she said. "But I can well understand that some women would want to.

"The Government has just anoounced that it's changing the law to give servicemen the same right as civilians to sue for compensa-tioo if they're injured. If that can be changed, I don't see why something which seems an awful lot smaller couldn't be — why women couldn't have their families and carry on working.

"In Germany I saw how beautifully organized the Americans have it, with creches oo stations. If civilian women can hold down a full-time job and still rear their families, why shouldn't we? I don't see why we always have to make an exception of the services. why we have to make out that they're a totally different species of human being.

# Girl on top of a comic world

Actress Ruby Wax

has progressed

from stoats to rats

Bemused theatregoers may still remember Ruby Wax's first role, as a stoat in *Toad of Toad Hall* at the Sheffield Crucible Theatre. Never one to shun the limelight, she would, during the nightly trial scene, fling a stuffed pig to the floor, then attempt to revive it with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and cardiac massage.

The pig, she says, never recovered from its unscripted heart antack happily, Wax's career did.

Girls on Top, the satirical flatshare sitcom she co-wrote with fellow funoywomeo Dawo French and Jennifer Saunders (who star in it with her), is currently into its second series. A 32-year-old from Chicago, with machine-gun delivery, Wax por-trays a Jewish American princess with expensive tastes and a hotline home to beg for cash.

In real life, the only daughter of wealthy parents, she has in leaner times been known to make times been known to make similar requests; lapsing ioto pure Scarlett O'Hara, Wax lilts: "Ah depend on the kahndness of mah family..." Mr and Mrs Wax still have difficulty reconciling themselves in her comic versatility: "When I tell them what I'm working on, they simply say 'you mean you're getting away with this — and being paid for it?"

Abandoning plans to become a psychologist, Wax hitch-hiked around Europe at 17 with a backpack and a yearning to become a classical actress. "I was always terrible at exams, especially those logic tests which asked, Which is the odd ooe out - a dog, a cat, a hospital? I'd sit for hours unable to work it out. I can't think laterally."

She sailed through auditions to the Scottish Academy of Drama, and after winning a gold medal (and the unforgettable stoat stint) cornered the market in wenches with the RSC at Stratford. "I can make a great cleavage if I use my stomach too," she laughs. "But when I stood oo the same stage as Judi Deneh, I realized I stank as

She turned her hand to comedy at the suggestion of a flatmate, and was an original contributor to Not The Nine O'Clock News. Then, Wax claims, "I got cocky after a play of mine was successful off-Broadway, people told me to go to LA and become fabu-lously rich writing scripts. Bot LA is dead - there's no eccentrics and no richness in people. I enrolled in Beverly Hills High School to do a typing course, helibent on becoming a secretary. But my hands shake; I'd type 'impossible' with four 'g's in it. The word 'physiotherapist' could

cover an entire page."
The promise of Girls on Top rescued Wax from the impending oblivion of a Hollywood typing pool; while she is clearly disappointed by some recent vicious reviews, the Wax/Saunders/-French team still have the offer of a third series. A book of the show a third series. A book of the show has just appeared, complete with cut-oot dolls of the central characters and such crucial advice as a guide to eating while

standing at the refrigerator.
In February Wax will reappear
in a Channel 4 chat show whose revolutionary formula threatens to make Wogan look like Jackanory. "All the guests will be on at once, a mix of celebrities, politicians, opinionated taxi driv-ers and people I meet shopping in Harrods." She has written several



film scripts and there is talk of a West End musical, featuring more rodents — this time, rats. Wax's own life runs considerably more smoothly than that of the flat-sharing ocurotic she portrays in her series. But like the girls io the series, she too has a problem with dating; men often find her humour intimidating though if I wasn't funoy, I'm sure I'd have other problems.
Actually, I don't encounter many
men in my line of business. I've
been known to go down to the
City to try to meet some, but last time they liked my banter so much, I ended up being offered four jobs in the Futures market."

If her own future hadn't been looking quite so rosy, she coo-fesses, she might even have been tempted. Anything beats playing

Josephine Fairley Girls on Top is on ITV at 8.45pm Thursdays; the book is published by Grafton, price £4.95.

# Come on get happy - modern style

You can't describe a permaoent state of misery as depressioo or eveo postmodernist angst any more. All it is oow is out of style.

I have learnt this from an American writer who declares without any to-do that "Ordinary happiness is, as a few people know, a part of the avant-garde now." I'll never catch up with the avant-garde. I could swear that only a few minutes ago, it was considered quite ehie to be pale and vaguely tormeoted. The problem pages of magazioes were the ones that were the most thumbed. Novels were all about various states of broodiness. It was no surprise that Kingsley Amis's The Old Devils woo the Booker Prize. It had everything we used to consider worthwhile: agonized discussion about old age and death and alcohol addiction. Ordinary misery, in fact.

How does ooe become "ordinarily happy" aoyway? Happiness isn't a constant state like breathing. The whole poiot about happiness is that it comes upon you in rare joyful break-outs so that you can distinguish it from the



PENNY PERRICK

dismal grey messiness that most honest people admit their lives to be. I suppose they'll stop admitting it oow. If there's one thing people hate it is being considered a fuddyduddy. In order to keep up with the times, I expect they will start practising smiling in the mirror.

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luke-warm salads with raspberry vinegar. I start each day with an ordinary feeling of desperation and I'm too set in my ways in change now. Ordinary despair runs in my family. If you asked my grandmother how she was, you never got a "Very well, thank you." What you got was a deep sigh and a "How can you be?" Something else than's very fashionable at the moment is

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post-feminism. There's some confusion about what exactly the word means but I think the gist of it is that women have now got what they wanted and can go back to being the sort of people they were when all they had was what they didn't want.

An art exhibition consid-From Richenda Miers,

When the Library Association draws op its 10-page leaflet for

local councils, providing infor-mation about the powers and

duties of public libraries ("Black Looks at the Littlest Books", Monday Page, Nov-

ember 24), it might be of

greater benefit to the rising

generation if, instead of concerning itself with the

attention to the quality of literature and illustrations of

With a few notable excep-tions, modern books for chil-

dren are badly written, crudely

illustrated and as disposable

as comics. Is it not more

important for children to grow

quality breeds quality.

Wyłye, Wiltshire.

First of all it will be pop stars who will start looking radiant instead of their former sulky currently on display in New York. It is all about women looking beautiful and very well-dressed. A few years ago the title of the exhibition alone Ordinary happiness is an avant-garde phase that I am afraid I will have to miss out interested in is who designed the clothes shown in the

> It is very post-feminist to worry about the way yoo look, although there's a different emphasis about this oow. Womeo want to look pretty so that they stand out at work, out so that they catch a man. My friend, Noni, a desperately hard-working and successful artist who arrives at her studio at 6am every day, has even admitted that she is bored with her hair.

That is quite a surprising admission since her hair is variegated layers of candyfloss pink and lollypop orange. If she is bored, imagine how all those women who had prepost feminist pudding-basin bobs must be feeling. Wishing they had shoulder-length ring-

TALKBACK

shoddy paperbacks on cheap paper whose contents are as ephemeral as indigestion.

From R. Baines, Colon, Cambridgeshire.

While I am glad that Penny Jenden ("A New Head for St Bob's Halo", Wednesday laughable banning of sexist Page, December 3) does not and racist books, it turned its represent "the stereotyped imrepresent "the stereotyped im-age of the female charity worker", and while I am sure the children's books produced she is a bright young woman, I was surprised to read that she "chucks" food bought but not needed "when something's cropped up". Doesn't she make use of her refrigerator or

freezer? Of course, one knows that up surrounded by good books, the food she throws away does well-written and finely illus- not feed the world's hungry but trated, than by books that such a statement coming from have been laundered of all a person administering the spice and character? Surely Famine Aid Funds is, if not meant to impress or shock, It may be significant that extremely factless with respect most of the attractive, collect- to the less well-off in this

able hardback childreo's country. Perhaps she should work for books on sale today are written by Kenneth Grahame, Lewis nothing and try to feed her Carroll, A.A. Miline, Beatrix family on her husband's salary Potter and the like, while most only. She might soon become of the modern books are less wasteful.

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debate, however, they surely must be significant. They show that, at the very least, we are travelling in the right direction. The results

have not been going down - as for

instance test scores have in the United States. If the standards of

our education system are behind those of some other countries, it is

because we started further behind,

in that pre-comprehensive era

often evoked oowadays as a

golden age. Certainly we want to

make faster progress — but that is a very different thing from suggesting that the whole journey has

We have all been rattled by the

long misery of the teachers' pay

dispute, disgusted by the bickering

between the teachers' unions, and both angry and guilty about our own failure as adults to protect children from educational dam-

age. Those of us who live or work

the apparently unavoidable pros-

pect of self-immolation by a

number of Labour education

authorities. But it would be a

terrible mistake to extend these

reactions to the entire system. It is

not without hope. Indeed, it has

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to be a connection, and a lesson to

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banks sell credit aggressively. New

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stantly being promoted. Banks have entered the mortgage market;

building societies are planning to

substantially from industrial cus-

tomers not only to the man in the

street but to property developers and stock market speculators.

This kind of lending is very

profitable — and is not very sensitive to interest rates. Many

people who pay 14 per cent on

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on credit cards are concerned

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The old banking cartel ef-

# As good as the telly

Britain is more willing to talk to Argentina than vice versa - on the high seas at least. When a Taiwanese fishing boat was pursued and sunk by an Argeotine vessel just outside the Falklands' exclusioo zooe, the captain of one of our Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessels, which was lying nearby, radioed the Argentine skipper asking for permission to rescue the Tai-wanese radio operator from the icy waters. There was no reply. While the drama unfolded, every word of the triangular exchange between the captains — much of it in broken English — was being heard by islanders glued to their radio-telephone sets. "It was coming through loud and clear for hours," said Kevin Kilmartin, a sheep farmer. The Taiwanese were talking to the Argentines and the British, the British were talk-ing to the Taiwanese and Argentines, but the Argentines were talking only to the Taiwanese." And they called Mrs Thatcher

### On canvas

Algernon Asprey, the veteran landscape watercolourist, has just arrived in the Falklands on a mission both dear to his heart and to his past. For the next six weeks, hardy yompers will find him at his easel sketching the first lines of Bluff Cove, Goose Green, Turnbledown Mouotain and the rest. all to be fleshed out when he returns to England. The works will go on display at the Partridge Gallery in Bood Street next au-tumn. After that, one of the paintings is to hang in the mess of Asprey's old regiment, the Scots Guards, which played an un-portant role in ousting the Argies.

# Dry measure

Alcoholism, traditionally the scourge of island communities, is being combated in Stanley by a Boozers' Blacklist. Once on this, you cannot huy liquor anywhere for six months, a penalty which is easy to enforce in such a small town. It also becomes an offence for anyone even to offer you a drink. Topers are usually put on the list by a doctor, publican or spouse, hut desperate cases occasionally nominate themselves. There has just been a sharp increase in membership - from

### Mine hostess

A hotel in Port Stanley is still calling itself the Malvina despite what might be called a distinct-resurgence of British influence. The proprietor is unrepentant "Malvina is a girl's name, remember," he tells me. "This is Malvina without the s. Besides it's only banana republics who constantly rename places. We are not repeat not, a banana republic.

# Civil street

The re-siting of the islands' airport from Stanley to Mount Pleasant, 40 miles away, is leading to a gradual military drift from the civilian community. By April the process will be complete, with only the bomh disposal unit and medical staff remaining in any numbers in the capital. According to John Smith, a classic Falklands pluralist of teacher, guest house owner and local history curator. the two communities have lived side by side more happily than some reports have suggested, and the soldiers will even be missed: "On Saturday nights we fight each other and they fight each other,"

# Hat trick

At times, though, the military can be somewhat sharp with their civilian compatriots. The other day a young man was striding across the airport tarmac, his tweeds matched by a Sloanish cap, when a zealous young soldier barkingly demanded that he take is off. He obliged, but in a doffing manner, believing it was all a joke, and put it on again. At this point a sergeant positively roared: "Take the bloody thing off!" The reason is that head gear can be blown by the south Atlantic winds into the air intakes of the jets. In this case, though, the man was more than 50 yards from the plane, and the hlades had stopped turning. The victim, quite unruffled, strode on with the hauteur expected of the Honourable Christopher Monckton, until recently one of the Prime Minister's young policy advisers, and son of famous old soldier Lord Moockton.



# You borrow, we all suffer

John Maples calls for restrictions on the

It has oever been easier to borrow money. Twenty years ago a re-quest to a bank manager for a loan ever-rising level of personal credit was usually refused. He would certainly not give a mortgage, or lend money for a holiday or a interest but whether they can meet the monthly payments. In the case of property development and share speculation, high interest Christmas splurge. Credit cards were virtually unknown. That has all changed, but the price has been rates are considered a small price The volume of bank lending has been growing at more than 15 per

to pay for a quick profit. Because banks have increasingly concentrated their lending in these sectors, total demand for loans has risen and interest rates have had to rise to attract the necessary funds. It is a fallacy to assume that the process begins with high interest rates attracting increased deposits. The banks themselves are the engines of loan growth. Bankers are not passive intermediaries calculating how much they have taken in deposits before deciding how much they have available to lend.

High interest rates are bad for the manufacturing industry. Manufacturers investing in new plant have to take long-term decisions: they must be sure they can make sufficient profits over several years to justify borrowing money at 12 or 13 per cent, and often decide that the risk is too great.

Investment in manufacturing has fallen. NatWest's lending to manufacturing and other production industries has grown over the past five years by only 33 per cent; lending to property companies has grown by 170 per cent and to individuals by 215 per cent. Other banks show a similar trend.

It is not just the direct cost of loans that works against produc-tive investment. High interest rates encourage investors to keep cash on deposit, or in property and the stock market, rather than risk

In the short term, the combination of high interest rates and instant loans for the individual is had for everyone except banks and depositors. In the long run they too will suffer because of the effects on industry – and hence the prosperity of the country as a whole – and on prices and the ability to pay.

First, the effect on industry. Much of the money lent to individuals is spent on imported consumer goods — everything from cars to calculators. Record levels of retail sales are accompanied each month by record levels of manufactured imports. At the same time domestic industry is deprived of the finance for new plant that would make it more competitive against the foreign manufacturers of those products. This means higher unemployment and, because of the effect on the balance of payments, a weaker pound and still higher interest

The constantly rising levels of personal lending are dangerous on another count. Individuals' debts have risen from 50 per cent of

disposable income five years ago to 85 per cent now, and the results are being seen in the increasing number of defaults on mortgages, credit cards and personal loans. The record level of house prices and the stock market boom have been fuelled principally by easy credit; both could fall dramatically, hurting a lot of people, if the supply of credit were for any eason interrupted.

Lower interest rates can be achieved only if growth of bank lending is substantially reduced. Then interest rates could fall without endangering the exchange rate. Sterling is under periodic pressure largely because of the excessive growth in credit and the concern of financial markets that this will cause higher inflation.

A start could be made by increasing down payments on hire-purchase and deposits on mortgages and by requiring much faster repayment of credit-card and similar loans. There is no real reason not to go further and actively restrain bank lending to individuals and property companies while encouraging lending for productive investment. The Bank of England has the power to

Lower interest rates resulting from lower credit growth would stimulate manufacturing invest-ment and production, improve the balance of trade in manufactured goods and be accompanied by a less vulnerable exchange rate.

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# Bernard Levin: the way we live now

# In Christ's name, speak up

Even in Britain, I imagine, there must still be some connection between Christmas, Christianity and Christ, so perhaps this is an appropriate time of year (though Easter might be even better) for me to write about a man who is undergoing terrible persecution in the Soviet Union, probably unto death, for professing the Christian faith, and for nothing else at all.

His name is Alexander Ogor-odnikov. He was born in 1950, and at the age of 23, while a student at the Cinematography Institute in Moscow, his interest in Christianity was awakened for the first time by the Pasolini film The Gospel According to St Matthew, soon afterwards he was received into the Russian Orthodox Church. Shortly after that, he was expelled from the Institute, and began on the via crucis that is the lot of any Christian in his country who wants to proclaim, and live by, his faith.

With a group of like-minded friends, he began a private and informal discussion group called the Christian Seminar, they did not take any kind of public action, though they kept in touch with other such groups, and drew much inspiration from Father Dudko, who had suffered years of persecution for his Christian witness.

Soon the pressure began. Ogorodnikov was driven from job after joh, and from his home; he and his fellow Christians were interrogated, threatened, beaten up; some were put into the notorious Soviet madhouses-for-the-sane. (Ogorodnikov wrote to the World Council of Churches for help, hut got none.)

In November 1978 he was arrested and charged with "para-sitism", the Catch-22 of the Soviet Union; the victims are prevented from getting a job, then pros-ecuted for not working. (As it happens, Ogorodnikov was arrested when he was actually oo the way to be interviewed for a job; possibly the authorities were afraid he might get it.)

The "trial" was of the usual kind; the public benches were filled in advance by the KGB, so that his friends could not get in (even his wife and mother were admitted only after long arguments and for only part of thetrial), and he was not allowed to call his witnesses. He was sentenced to a year in a concentration camp in the far east; he was beaten with truncheons after being sentenced, and beaten again when, on the way to the camp, he asked to



Christian Seminar suffered similarly; Vladimir Poresh, for instance, was sentenced to five years in a concentration camp, to be followed by three years "internal of further offences arising out of Poresh's trial, at which he hadrefused to testify; he was therefore not released at the expiry of his sentence but transferred to a prison in Kalinin where, in September 1980, be was charged with "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda". The same procedure was followed, except that this time only his mother was allowed into the courtroom, and at first for only a few minutes; later in the trial, it seems that either he made an attempt at suicide or he was attacked and injured by those who were holding him — at any rate he was bandaged, and an ambulance stood by outside the courtroom throughout, while his mother was admitted again. This time Poresh was called as a witness, and in turn refused to testify against Ogorodnikov.

Ogorodnikov, who was badly weakened by the hunger strike he had embarked oo three months before his trial, was sentenced to six years in a "strict regime" concentratioo camp (it was the notorious and sinister Perm complex of the Gulag) to be followed by five years "internal exile". Meanwhile, other members of the Christian Seminar and their friends were being imprisoned in

In the camp, Ogorodnikov started another hunger strike, this time to force the authorities to let him have a Bible (they refused),

and later oo yet another hunger

strike, in protest at not being

allowed to see a priest. He was allowed no visitors. He was subjected to specially inhuman treatment; he was often in a cell so cold that the walls were covered in ice, another cell was deliberately flooded with sewage, he was repeatedly put in the punishment cells for trivial reasons or for none, and letters were withheld from him. It is hardly surprising that, in a letter smuggled out of the camp and ultimately to the West, he wrote: "Occasionally it seems to me that I should school myself to accept the idea that my welfare does not

interest anyone but God". Towards the end of his sentence, the same trick was played; he was charged with further offences, re-tried, and sentenced, in April of this year, to a further three years in a strict-regime concentration camp. In May, be wrote the letter to which I have referred; it is worth quoting at some length:

You must see that death appears to be the only way to end my agony, the only release. I have already committed the mortal sin of attempting to commit suicide. So I beg of you - please appeal to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet to show me a measure of mercy by ordering my execution by firing squad in order to put an

end to the prospect of a lifelong, painfully slow torture by depriva-tion of living conditions fit for a human being, deprivation of books and culture, torture by hunger and cold, by incarceration in punishment cells, humiliations, total lack of rights. They even forbid me to pray, and my cross has been torn from around my neck on numerous occasions. I have spent a total of 659 days on hunger strike, to protest against their refusal to let me have a Bible

and prayer book ... Only the full glare of publicity can alter my fate ... Only this can restrain the hands of those who are otherwise free to wreak whatever atrocities they will
...Only the incorruptible daylight can force lawlessness to
panse ... It seems to me that the
outside Christian world knows outside children about the protest fasts which I have conducted, not to secure my release from prison! No! The aim was to have a Bible No! The aim was to have a bible at my disposal, a prayer-book and a cross to enable me to draw faith from the source of Divine Revelation... Will not the Universal Christian Church say at least a word in support of one of Her persecuted sons - errant and sinful, but still her son? What awaits me now? Only God knows.

No doubt; but at least a few more people now know what has previously awaited Alexander Ogorodnikov for the crime of being a Christian. But there are a further instruction, and since the futher instruction is now available, in the form of a document written by a group of Soviet Christians in partibus infidelium to their co-religionists in lands where Christianity is not a crime. I think it worth concluding with some excerpts from that docu-

Your Christian delegates are keen on visiting our country; your Christian preachers return home with a host of pleasant memories. But ... we are not permitted to live by simple Christian feelings to believe, to be merciful, to entreat, to defend, to love, to bring up children, to work and to teach. All these attempts are met by harsh persecution . . . Maybe our position will become clearer to you if we simply say that service to God is forbidden to us...Knowing this...please
abstain from helping the persecutors to hammer yet another
nail into the crucified body of Our
Lord Jesus Christ, which you do every time one of you makes confident assertions that there is no persecution of believers in the USSR... We entreat you to raise your voice in defence of Alexander Ogorodnikov and, with all the means available to you in your free and democratic way of life, to try and secure his release.

### Some of his colleagues in the iails or madhouses. Gandhi again walks the Punjab tightrope

Rajiv Gandhi is faced with a political paradox when be considers what to do next about the tormented northern state of Punjab. For though he must realize the necessity of maintaining a solidly Sikh state government, the more be gives open support to Surjit Singh Barnala, the chief minister, the less acceptable Surjit Singh becomes to the majority of Sikhs. Recent events in the state have

proved again how difficult it is for the government to control a determined terror campaign. The massacre of bus passengers at Hoshiarpur caused horror throughout the country, and a violent anti-Sikh reaction in Delhi. That, of course, is just what the terrorists want, for they believe that the greater the polariza-tion between Sikh and Hindu, the sooner they will achieve their objective of an independent Sikh state of Khalistan.

Hindu families are moving out of Punjah - a process that will undouhtedly be accelerated by the Hoshiarpur killings and the random machinegunning of crowded bazaars in mainly Hindu town centres that has happened every two or three months recently.

Sikhs are moving into Punjah, where they feel better protected. More than 25,000 Sikh familes

have re-established themselves in the state since the anti-Sikh riots that followed the assassination of Mrs Indira Gandhi. The widening gap in Punjab society is making the task of a "moderate" like Surjit Singh, who was elected by both Sikh and Hindu votes, of straddling the divide almost intolerably difficult.

He is not helped by the oppor-tunism of Sikh politicians. With the opening of the Punjah Assem-hly session today, Surjit Singh is challenged by a no-confidence motion tabled by a group of dissident members of his own Akali Dal (Immortal) Party.

The party split when a group of legislators blamed him for actions which led to extremists being rooted out of the Sikhs' holiest shrine, the Golden Temple of Amritsar. In fact the split was not so much a heartfelt protest against the desecration of a holy place as a power play by a leading Akali polincian, Prakash Singh Badal, himself a former chief minister.

Prakash Singh has never accepted Surjit Singh's leadership, hut the split failed to bring down Surjit Singh, largely because he continued to have the support, if he should need it, of the assembly members belonging to Gandhi's Congress party. The Badal group

is temporarily without its leader. since he was locked up under the dracoaian National Security Act, along with a oumber of his colleagues, for hob-nobbing with Khalistanis and allegedly giving encouragement to terror.

But a group of assembly members under the leadership of Captain Amarinder Singh, who would be Maharajah of Patiala if there were still princes in India, is bidding for additional support during the oo-confidence vote. Amarinder declared last week that the Badal group would willingly reunite with the ruling Akali group under the leadership of anyone other than Surjit Singh. He specifically mentioned the present Punjab finance minister, Balwant Singh, who is already manoeuvring for power just as selfinterestedly as the rest.

Self-interest will probably keep Surjit Singh's supporters together. during the vote: of the 46 members of his group, 39 have jobs as ministers and the other seven are all chairmen of state corporations. But the outcome certainly depends on the way the 31 Congress

members vote.

There is a feeling in the rest of India that perhaps Surjit Singh has failed, that his administration must carry the blame for the

failure to control the terrorists, that perhaps this time Congress should oot keep him in power. So Gandhi has a choice to make. Does he pander to this sentiment which is reinforced by the anti-Surjit feeling among Sikhs supporting the dissident Akalis? Or does he carry on supporting the mild-mannered chief minister, who last week dashed to Delhi to consult him and insisted afterwards that "there is no crisis"?

His problem is that the cure may be a good deal worse than the disease. There is no guarantee that if Balwant Singh became chief minister he would be any more stable than Surjit Singh, and the problem with Prakash Singh Badal is that he has had to get altogether too close to the Khalistanis to be able to control their activities. The third alternative, which is being urged on Gandhi from some quarters is to suspend the democratic constitution in Punjab once again and impose president's rule. But that would alienate the

entire Sikh population and revive the bitter memories of the anti-Sikh violence after Mrs Gandhi's assassination. Things would have to get a good deal worse before that became a truly viable alter-

# Good news that's kept dark

EXAM RESULTS UP Biggest improvement in maths

If these headlines appeared on hoardings, heads would turn in incredulity. Everybody knows that standards are falling. It is not possible to turn on the television or radio, or open a paper, without being told of the desperate state of education in general, and secondary education in particular. Editorials pootificate about it. Opinion polls confirm their views. And since politicians are always anxious to cash in on the prevailing mood I have thought long and hard about the wisdom of laying

the facts before readers of The However, here they are, culled laboriously with the aid of a pocket calculator from a poorty printed, cheaply reproduced document from the Department of Education and Science which does not appear to have been intended to see the light of day and which hardly anybody seems to have heard of.

In fact I can imagine two conversations about this docu-ment. First, in Kenneth Baker's office above Waterloo station:

Secretary of State, we have some fairly comprehensive figures of exam results here, going back over a number of years. There's really been some quite promising progress, especially in the maths and science area. Would you like us to give them them to the press office, and see if they want to make something of them? A nice glossy publication like the one we did on the City Technology Col-

leges, for instance?"
"Hum. Ah. Now that's rather
awkward. Not the best of timing. Mustn't undermine the case for radical change. Maybe we should save them for a few mooths — May or October, say — it might depend on other events outside our control. No; I don't think we need more publicity than necessary at Meanwhile at the House of

Commons, in the office of the shadow Education Secretary: "I say, Giles, as far as I can understand these latest figures I dug out of the DES, it seems as if exam results are getting better all the time. Shouldn't we be saying something about it? Proves the

English O level or CSE 1 Maths O level or CSE 1

ourselves up over Christmas is to have these oot-so-gloomy statis-tics more widely publicized. I hope Mr Baker will see to it. The author is a member of the SDP national committee. **EXAMS: THE 10-YEAR IMPROVEMENT** Percentages of school leavers with: 17 One or more A level passes No A levels, but 5 or more O levels or CSE equivalent (Grade 1) 1-4 O levels or CSE equivalent 33 16.5 One or more CSEs, Grades 2-5 No O level or CSE qualification

Science O level or CSE 1 Modern language O level or CSE 1

36

40

Proportion of pupils in comprehensive schools

Compiled from Statistics of Education: School Leavers CSE and GCSE 1985, DES

# **Simon Barnes**

# Come and join the bemo

I have a new ambition. I want to catch a 263 bus outside Waitrose in Totteridge and ask the fare to the Two Brewers. When told that it's 30p, I shall laugh disdainfully and offer 15p. When it is refused, I shall tell the one-man operator. OK, OK, twenty pence - and that's positively my last price."

I have spent the last four weeks in Bali, where you bargain over everything, including bus fares. The buses are called bemos, and are either minibuses or converted trucks. It's astonishing how many people can cram themselves into one when they really try: I once counted 27 in a 10-scater minibus; well, to be precise, 24 in the bus (not to mention enough chickens to stock a battery farm), and the other three hanging from the door like yachtsmen in a Force 8 gale.

As a way of getting close to the people, riding the bemos cannot be bettered. I have a firm and fixed belief, unshaken by any oumber of appalling experiences, that the only way to see a country is by public transport. After all, if you travel in a hired car, you are not in the country at all. You are just looking at it from the equivalent of your own second home.

As a way of feeling lost, in-secure, worried, and perpetually looking an utter fool, travelling by local transport has no equal. If you want to be hideously uncomfortable and treated without any of the respect due to a sahib or a tuan, then public transport has everything going for it. I have paid a porter to shove me through the window of an Indian train, barricaded my door on board the Irawaddy ferry, and been lost for a full hour in the space of a couple of hundred square yards at Ueno station in Tokyo.

The principle of travelling by

bus and train was first established when my personal finances made it a choice between public transport or not travelling at all. I have stuck to it ever since. Perhaps I am just vainly striving to establish some kind of street-cred, or jalancred as it is called in Indonesia. The trouble is, in Indonesia you can claim to have jalan-cred only if you pay the right fare on your hemo. •

There are two basic techniques for achieving this. The first is to bargain before the journey begins, as you would in a taxi. The second is to look cool this is the Michael Hamlyn | nechnique I favour. At the end of the journey, you hand over a 500 rupiah note (about 20p) with an air of infinite knowingness. Thebemo conductor is forced by your. very coolness to give you change: sometimes even the correct.

There are plenty of traps for the unwary. If you get into an empty bemo alone, the driver will assume the bemo is no longer public. that you have chartered it for yourpersonal, private use. The price for a charter tends to be fanciful. But occasionally it is necessary: a bemo will not cover a route unless the driver thinks he can pick up at least twice as many people as the vehicle will safely hold.

I was forced into chartering on one occasion when marooned at a village populated entirely, as far as I could make out, by wood. carvers. The price agreed, we set off: a few moments later the bemo stopped and filled up with a dozen stunningly beautiful schoolgirls. It then occurred to me that I was being taken for a ride. I made my protest. This is on

longer a charter deal, I said. I would pay the correct public fare, no more. Very well, they said, we'll throw the girls off. But I couldn't see myself in a role straight from Victorian melodrama, casting out innocents oot into a frozen night, perhaps, but into a sweltering noon, which can be almost as bad. All right, I said: they stay, I pay.
Smiles all round. But then the

bemo conductor started collecting fares from the girls. One smile abruptly faded. I have chartered this bemo? Indeed yes. Therefore it is my bemo, yes? Well, yes. Then the girls are my guests: they travel free. Yes?

I can think of some places where that wouldn't work, where such a confrontation would lead to a definite contretemps. But there's no one nicer anywhere than a Balinese. The conductor laughed and told the driver. The driver laughed, and the girls giggled. They went on giggling until they reached their stop, where they got out, thanked me prettily and

giggled some more. We drove on. Again I was sole charterer of the bemo, pleased that I had been able to do a good deed. Above all, I felt suffused with a great burst of jalan-cred, for had I not outpointed a bemo conductor? Yes, I really must try it on the 263 in the morning.



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# PRIOR WARNING

Shackletons, that the choice

was finally made. While it is

true that the RAF would

always have preferred to buy

the Awacs — a proven system — it was persuaded for political

reasoos to accept the all-

British alternative. At the time

that seemed a sensible de-

Eleven Nimrod aircraft were

subsequently huilt by British

Aerospace - and are ready and

waiting for take-off. The Nim-

rod itself has some drawbacks

when compared with the

Awacs (a derivative of the Boeing 707). For one thing, it

is slightly smaller and so has a

more limited payload - al-

though Mr. Prior maintains

that GEC has more than

compeosated for this. For

another, its engines are built

into the wings and so are

arguably more difficult to ser-

vice or replace than those of

the Boeing (which are slung

beneath the wings and can

easily be removed.) But no-

one is seriously concerned

about the competence of the

The doubts surround the

radar. Its data handling

capability and its poor perfor-

mance over land fell short of

the RAF's requirement when it

was first shown to the service.

It was the alleged cootinuing

failure of the system to meet

this requirement which led the

Ministry of Defence earlier

this year to reopen the cootract

to fresh competition from

Boeing. And it is on the basis

of this latest evaluation that

the decision would seem to

have swung in favour of the

the GEC system has now

solved all its earlier problems

and is now well up to the task

Mr Prior angrily insists that

American option.

aircraft to do the joh.

For the chairman of GEC, Mr Defence waited for the other technical evaluation has still James Prior, to call for an independent ioquiry into Whitehall's evaluation of the Nimrod/Awacs performance, when a decision by the Cabinet RAF said it could wait no is less than a week away, reflects a very curious sense of timing.

There is, as it happeos, a strong case for holding an inquiry. But it should not be allowed to delay a decision which is already overdue. The indications are that the Commons Defence Select committee will conduct its own investigation into the history and decisioo-making process of the Nimrod/Awacs procurement. But its conclusions will be pertinent to the future rather than the present.

Officially, the Government has yet to decide which system will fill the RAF's requirement for an airborne early warning (AEW) aircraft to replace the greving Shackletoos of No. 8 uadron in Lossiemouth. The Cabinet is expected to do so oo Thursday after its Defence and Overseas Policy Committee has reached its own cooclusions on the previous day. But Mr Prior himself would seem to have no illusions over the recommendation which Mr George Younger, as Defence Secretary, will take to the committee.

The irony of the AEW story is that when the original decision to plump for Nimrod was taken nine years ago, it was remarkably free from controversy. The airframe (based on the old Comet) had already proved itself in a maritime reconnaissance role; and to award the contract to British Aerospace and GEC. made sense in the context of jobs and home-grown technol-

But it was a close-run thing. The alternative was for Britain to join its Nato partners in procuring a fleet of Awacs to patrol the skies over the whole of Western Europe, from North to South. For mooth ahead of it. It is his frustratioo after month the Ministry of over reports that the RAF

Nato powers to make up their come down in favour of the minds - always a lengthy American system which lies process when money is inbehind his call for an indepenvolved. It was only when the dent inquiry. longer, given the age of the

By all means let us have such an inquiry. The Ministry and GEC have levelled bitter accusations that each misled the other over, respectively, the requirements to be met and the competence of the system in meeting them, that some kind of investigation is called for in the public interest. The country cannot afford to make a habit of this kind of ineptitude.

To suggest, however, as some MPs are now doing (Conservative as well as Labour), that the Government is preparing to sell out British industry to transatlantic competitioo - in order to please President Reagan or whomever - is manifest oonsense. It would be cheaper and politically much easier (with an election coming up) for the Government to repledge its faith in Nimrod. The only reason why it could ever contemplate rejecting it and buying from Boeing is that Awacs is demonstrably better. But that, nine years on, should surely be the only safe cri-

Mr Prior's assertion that the technical assesment in favour of Awacs is "outrageous and hiased" has already drawn an unusual denial from the RAF. It is, indeed, an extraordinary assertion to make, given the pressures on the ministry to stay with its original decision. A switch to Awacs, in fact, leaves the RAF with the problem of what to do with with eleven completed Nimrods aircraft which have been designed for a specialised role like this.

Regettable though it may be, however, the Government should now buy American and try to secure the most generous offset arrangements it can from Boeing. Mr Prior's inquiry might then concentrate oo why it did not do so long before.

# **FROZEN ASSETS**

Seventy-five years ago yesterday, the Antarctic expeditioo led hy the Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen, arrived at the geographic South Pole, over a month ahead of the rival and ill-fated British expeditioo under Captain Robert Scott. Amundsen thus became the victor in what has beeo described as the longest ski race in history.

But apart from periodically recalling the heroic efforts of these great explorers, public attention has rarely focused on the day-to-day affairs of Antarctica. Indeed, it is usually seen as little more than a backwater where scientists collect useful meteorological information for weather forecasts. All that is about to change.

The aerial and geological surveys that have been conducted over the past 25 years have shown that Antarctica, a continent whose land mass exceeds the combined size of China and India, contains an abundance of mineral wealth, both on and off-shore. Although the exploitation of the land-based minerals shown in the surveys, such as iroo ore, copper, silver, manganese, lead and titanium, still coofroots formidable technologidifficulties, exploitation of the vast reserves of oil and gas believed to lie beneath the seabed is a

real possibility. Throughout this period, Antarctica has been governed by an international treaty which has held the conflicting territorial claims of Britain, Argentina and Chile io abeyance, prohibited all forms of military activity and nuclear testing, and suspended proposals for development of the contineot's mineral wealth.

Over the past few years, however, the parties to the Antarctic Treaty have been discussing the introduction of a new minerals regime which

Tories and Alliance

From Mr Neville Sandelson Sir, I regret that Mr Leon Brittan should have displayed a singular lack of sensitivity and understanding of the present electoral position in his speech at Exeter this week (report, December 10), in which he advocated a "head on" confrontation with the Alliance. It need hardly be said that policy differences and divergent social attitudes exist between the Conservatives and the Alliance, though, as one would expect, both

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would open up the continent for development and exploitation. Knowledge that these discussions are taking place is propelling Antarctica from its position of benign obscurity into acrimonious international debate.

The 32 contracting parties to the 1959 treaty - including the leading states from the West, the Eastern bloc and the Third World - have been accused by a group of non-participatory states within the United Natioos, led by Malaysia, of seeking to assume control over Antarctica's mineral wealth. These states are demanding that Antarctica be placed under the jurisdiction of the United Nations, and its bounty distributed equitably among all nations. Environmentalist lobbies have also bitterly attacked all proposals to tap Antarctica's mineral wealth, and have called for the entire contineot to be declared a World Park.

In the light of such criticisms, the casual observer could be forgiven for thinking that the existing treaty system had been a failure. In fact, nothing could be further from the truth. The treaty has successfully frozen conflicting territorial claims, kept Cold War politics out of Antarctica's affairs, safeguarded the contineot's unique environment and generated an enviable atmosphere of international scientific co-

operation. Moreover, cootrary to the allegations made by Malaysia and its supporters, participation in the negotiations for opening up Antarctica for development are oot restricted to the "rich nations." Any state which has sponsored expeditions to conduct geological surveys can become a party to the treaty and thus to the present negotiations. Both China and India have recently done so.

policies should be and how their

bjections can be best achieved.

need to establish a broad band of

bipartisan agreement as far as

possible on fundamental issues

within which io due course the

two parties can compete for

The real divide now is between

those who seek to impose social-

ism on the nation and those who

will fight uncompromisingly to

uphold a free society and a

electoral support.

But far more important is the

parties have their internal arenrespectable market economy. ments as to what their correct

of the country, as well as to his own party in the run-up to the damaging strategy. Conservatives and Alliance supporters alike should get their priorities in order. The first priority for us all must be

NEVILLE SANDELSON. Goldsmith Building, Temple, EC4. December 10.

Accordingly, calls for the abolition of a treaty system which has succeeded beyood the expectations of its authors and which has been sufficiently flexible to adjust to chaogiog ioteroational circumstances are thoroughly irresponsible. Furthermore, it is highly doubtful that Malaysia's call for a completely oew administrative framework, based on the common heritage principle which governs the 1982 Law of the Sea Coovention, would be more successful than the existing treaty system. There is

the stability that presently characterises Antartica. The anxieties expressed by environmeotalist groups about the impact of systematic mineral exploitation oo Antarctica's delicate ecology are understandable. But to demand the prohibtion of all mineral development as a result is unrealistic. It would be far better to ensure that any reform of the Antarctic Treaty which permits mineral exploitation, also incorporates both

even a risk that Malaysia's

proposals would lead to a free-

for-all that could imdermine

stringent provisions for the protection of the environment and clear obligations to make good any damage caused during development. The challenge to the legitimacy of the Antarctic Treaty from within the United Na-

tions is likely to become increasingly vocal over the oext few years, particularly since the new legal framework governing mineral exploitatioo could emerge by the end of the decade. But the existing treaty system is backed by a substantial ioternational consensus. Assuming that the problems presented hy From the President of the Charconflicting territorial claims can be resolved, the Antarctic Treaty, revised to permit min-

eral exploitation, deserves to survive the assault.

Mr Brittan does a positive disservice to the long-term interest election, by his advocacy of a to ensure Labour's defeat.

Yours etc.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Labour's non-nuclear commitment

From Dr P. W. Jowitt Sir, As the Labour Party launches its defence policy, the electorate will be assailed from all sides with conflicting statements of military strategy, cost-effectiveness and morality.

If ouclear deterrence is a reassurance - and I accept to some it is not - such reassurance is not the result of sophisticated and convoluted military argument, but because the prosecution of a nuclear war places those who press the button at as much risk as the rest of us. We therefore rely on their sense of self-preservation.

Thus, Mr Kinnock's exclamation that he is prepared to die for his country, yet is not prepared to allow his country to die for him, is hardly a sound basis for unilateralism. Good rhetoric, but little else. Yours faithfully,

P. W. JOWITŤ, Imperial College of Science and Technology, Falmouth Keogh Hall, Prince's Gardens, SW7.

December 10.

From Mr Graham Greene, CH Sir, Surely the disaster at Chernobyl has demonstrated, as far as Europe West and East is concerned, that a nuclear umbrella would remain, even if all ouclear weapons were destroyed. Is a conventional war in Europe

possible when it would involve the probable destruction - or at least the cracking — of a dozen Chemobyls in England, France, the USSR? Will either side carefully refrain from any "accidental" bombing of a peaceful ouclear

In fact, the peaceful nuclear plants provide Europe with a cheaper umbrella than that provided by ouclear weapons. Yours truly, GRAHAM GREENE,

Annibes, France. December 10.

From Mr D. G. A. Sanders Sir, It is easier to be conscious of the threats that remain than it is to recognise the progress that has been made by removing threats of the past. Within my lifetime it has become unthinkable for the present members of Nato to make war on one another, largely thanks to acts of statesmanship (at least in this respect) by the leaders of France and the German Federal Republic.

It is to be hoped that this country will also be able to demonstrate statesmanship by the contribution its leaders make towards total nuclear disarmament, not as a matter for party political advantage in an approaching general election, but as a primary need to enable the resources to better effect.

Surely, Sir, we in the United Kingdom should exert our efforts

# President at bay

From Dr A. L. Rowse, FBA Sir. All that is wrong with President Reagan is that as constitutional monarch he needs a proper Prime Minister ... such as we

Yours sincerely. A. L. ROWSE, All Souls College, Oxford.

From Mr George Ivan Smith Sir, For guidance Washington need look no farther than Winston Churchili (Their Finest Hour), who said that if "Number one" trips, he must be sustained; "if he makes mistakes they must be covered. If he sleeps he must not be wantonly disturbed. If he is no good he must be pole-axed".
Yours etc,

GEORGE IVAN SMITH. Elm Cottage, Butterow West, Stroud, Gloucestershire

# Electricity hazard

From Mr Derek J. T. Last Sir, Having arrived home last Sunday evening from a day away I sought something to eat quickly. My daughter's sandwich toaster immediately came to mind. A delicious cheese toasted sandwich came forth.

I disconnected the 13-amp plug, which burnt my hand, and found the wires loose. About a third of all the other plugs in the house had

similar faults. We are 50 cycles a second on current now and that has a powerful loosening effect on terminals, with consequent fire risk. This ought to be understood

by everyone. Yours faithfully, DEREK J. T. LAST, Director, L. B. Lighting Ltd. Beeching Road, Bexhill-on-Sea,

# Patent protection

December 3.

tered Institute of Patent Agents Sir, Over the past years, the governmental attitude to intellectual property has been one of general indifference, punctuated by sporadic, short-lived, and often abortive, bursts of activity.

The absence from the Queen's Speech of any reference to copyright reform indicates something beyond mere indifference: one can hardly avoid seeing it as the manifestation of a deliberate policy of downgrading intellectual property. May I refer to another instance of what seems to be the prevailing view?

The use of the title "patent agent" is at present restricted to those who have passed qualifying examinations which are super-

### not to score points off one casualty wards another, hul rather to the achieve-

meot of the best collective use of Nato's combined resources for defence purposes. This cannot come about solely by cowering behind an umbrella provided by the United States of America, or, indeed, by leaving it to others to do what we should share in ourselves. Nor can it recent years. come about by treating only with suspicioo gestures made by the new leaders of the Soviet Union,

positive approach to the development of mutual trust. As believers in democracy we occd to negotiate from a position of moral and physical strength in order to bring an end to furile political posturing and the prof-ligate waste of human and material resources in a world crying out for their better use.

who do show signs of a more

Yours truly, D. G. A. SANDERS, Potters, Worth, West Sussex, December 10.

From Dr Colin Howson Sir, The authors of the Labour Party report, Modern Britain in a Modern World, have an unsure grasp of modern history. They state that "so far no nuclear-armed state has taken up their ingenious inventioo and deployed it against a non-nuclear neighbour.

May I suggest that Mr Kinoock and bis co-authors consult any history of the Second World War (1939-45) where they will learn that in 1945 one nuclear-armed state did drop atomic bombs on a oon-nuclear oeighbour, and that this action brought a speedy termination to a war waged up to that point with conventional weapons. Moreover, and this should surprise the authors even more, it was the country which was winning the conventional war which used them.

Yours faithfully, COLIN HOWSON, The Loodon School of Economics and Political Science,
Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method, Houghtoo Street, WC2. December 11.

From Mr Francis Pagan Sir, All the arguments for and against the British nuclear deterrent seem to assume that we should be defending ourselves only against the Soviet Union, with the support of the United States and our Nato Allies.

How would Labour's defence policy meet a nuclear blackmail threat to this country alone by some other State which may in the future acquire a nuclear capability, in circumstances where we could not count on the United States to defend us?

FRANCIS PAGAN, L.5 Albany, Piccadilly, W1.

# Treasure trove offence From Mr Robert Key, MP for Salisbury (Conservative)

Sir, Dr John Wood and Miss Clare Conybeare, in calling attention (December 6) to the Treasury's intended award of £2,000 to a man convicted of an offence under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, are absolutely right to call for a change in the regulations govern-

ing treasure trove. The discovery in question and the subsequent court case both occurred in my constituency and I have therefore raised the matter with the Chief Secretary to the

Treasury. In reply, Mr MacGregor has pointed out to me that under the present arrangements the convictioo cannot be the only consideration of the Treasure Trove Reviewing Committee. Ex-gratia payments to finders of treasure troves were always intended specifically to encourage finders to report promptly the facts and location of archaeologically im-

portant finds.
In this case he judged that the finder should not be rewarded the full value of the trove, but he believed a payment of less than half reflected a proper balance between the fact of the conviction and the reporting of the find. Mr MacGregor has assured me that if there is evidence that awards of this sort are encouraging deliberate damage, be would take that into account in reaching future

decisions. The case has also convinced him that it is right to look again at the guidance on payment of ex-gratia awards to finders of treasure troves, which was first issued as long ago as 1955. This review has already been put in train by Treasury officials, in consultation with others. Yours faithfully,

### ROBERT KEY. House of Commons.

vised by the Government, and who are listed in the Register of Patent Agents. However, the Office of Fair Trading, in its recently published Review of the Patent Agents Profession, now say that this title is "descriptive" and therefore has a monopoly effect.

To counter this, the OFT specifically recommends that the use of the title "patent agent" should no longer be subject to any legal restriction, so that anyone should be able to call themselves a patent agent regardless of their knowledge of patents. In other words, the OFT regard the monopoly effect of an accurately descriptive title as so undesirable that they are deliherately endeavouring to make it misdescriptive.

This is consistent with Sir Gordon Borrie's view that the

# Extra stress in

From Mr Stephen Miles and others Sir, The reallocation of funds away from the South-east and various other budget reductions have not unnaturally affected accident and emergency depart-ments, in most of which the junior staffing has been static or falling in

At the same time the oumbers of patients attending have been rising, particularly in the east end of London. The result is that waiting times in most accident and emergency departments are escalating dramatically, and are often in excess of four hours.

Staff, already under extreme stress as a result of inadequate numbers, are often the unfortunte recipients of the vilest verbal abuse; in addition, the incidence of threateoed and actual physical violeoce is rising alarmingly. These conditions make recruiting of both nursing and medical staff increasingly difficult, with consequent further effects on the

The responsible Minister, Mr Tony Newtoo, has recently suggested that new funds allocated to the Health Service may be applied, at least in part, to reductioo of waiting lists for planned surgery.

As accident and emergency consultants working in the North East Thames Region, we feel that these problems are just as serious as the length of waiting lists, and that both areas demand urgent consideration.

Yours sincerely, S. MILES, P. F. GREEN, ALASTAIR W. WILSON, JOHN MYERS, V. DALLOS, PETER ERNST, D. SKINNER, ANDREW HEATON. St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, EC1. December 2.

### Logic of EMS

From Mr J. L. Carr Sir, I find it hard to follow the reasoning behind the Prime Minister's reported belief that membership of the European mooetary system would involve higher interest rates.

Surely, if exchange rates can move only between narrow limits in the sbort run, the possible gains from speculation will be restricted and the interest-rate adjustments needed to make short-term speculation unattractive will be smaller than what might be required to restore confidence in the

absence of a fixed parity.
In the longer term it seems reasonable to assume that occasional parity adjustmeets will not usually exceed what is necessary to restore competitiveness and this will again inhibit expectations of sudden large movements. It is the volatility of the foreign exchanges that, from time to time, makes steep rises in interest rates nec-

Of course, if the Government were prepared to let sterling fall freely rather than raise ioterest rates, the Prime Minister's logic would be unassailable. But I doubt whether this Government really wants to encourage the accelerating inflation that would follow such an uncontrolled fall.

The way to lower interest rates is through lower inflatioo and this is most likely to be achieved if we are willing to make frequent small changes in interest rates to keep the pound steady at a level that is realistic, having regard to our present circumstances. Yours faithfully, L. CARR,

56 Bournemouth Drive. Herne Bay, Kent.

# Freedom of choice

From Lady Cox and others Sir. There is one human right io which the Parental Alliance for Choice io Educatioo has a special interest: the right of people to have their children educated in conformity with their own religious and philosophical coovictions. This right is guaranteed under article 2 of protocol no 1 of the European Cooveotion on Human Rights.

We recently wrote to all four main political parties asking them if they supported article 2. All but the Labour Party responded affirmatively. Mr Kionock's party twice refused to give the assurance

we sought.
We hope your readers will note the strange dissonance between Mr Kinnock's rhetoric oo buman rights ahroad and his party's refusal to undertake to protect this important right here at home.

Yours &c. CAROLINE COX, Chairman, NORRIS McWHIRTER, FRED NAYLOR, Hon Secretary, The Parental Alliance for Choice io Education. 2 Kingsdown House, Kingsdown, Corsham, Wiltshire.

December 3.

OFT is not required to give any consideration to the interests of the public, but only to removing monopolies, eveo when this is not in the best interests of the relevant public.

If there is to be no impending legislation on patents, copyright and hiving-off of the Patent Office, the Government has an invaluable breathing space. It must use it to counteract the muddled and doctrinaire thinking of the OFT by insisting that full weight is given to the importance to British industry of strong and effective patents, trademarks and copyrights.

Yours faithfully, K. B. WEATHERALD, President, The Chartered Institute of Patent Agents. Staple Inn Buildings

High Holborn, WC1.

December 8.

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# ON THIS DAY

**DECEMBER 15 1870** 

This desputch was written shortly after the failure of the grande sortie when the French troops in Paris tried to break the siege of the Prussian army. The plight of the wounded became appalling as winter hardened, until on January 27 the French were granted an armistive. Larousse describes the Archbishop of Syracuse as an "aventurier" who later broke with the Church and married a retired dancer.

THE LATE SORTIES. (continued from The Times of December 10.)
(BY BALLOON POST.)

(From our special correspondent.)
PARIS, Dec. 3.

... By the time I had got to the field the fighting was over, all but a few stray rifle shots fired, apparently, rather in a sporting spirit than for any practical purpose, and as likely to hit friends as foes. . French soldiers are proverhial for their ingenuity in extemporizing dinners, and I saw whole companies marching along with the bayonets they had taken out to transfix the Prussians now crowned with turnips, potatoes, cerrots, slices of pumpkin, and other vegetable victims... Meat was in still greater abundance... I have eaten plenty of horse since the siege commenced - and, indeed, am now very glad to get it; mule and ass I have learnt to consider a delicacy...Donkey pie

After dinner we started in carriages for the Prussian posts, led by Monseigneur Bauer, Archbishop of Syracuse, one of the most active and principal officers of the Ambulances de la Presse. His history and character are so remarkable that you must allow me to say a few words about them. He was for ten years, I am told, in the order of "Carmes Dechausses", who claim, conspicuous among other duties and privileges, those of going barefooted and living on bread and water. Brother Bauer successfully discharged the first duty - though the Archhishop is now usually to be seen in top-boots and spurs, as he is an indefatigable horseman - but he quite failed in the second, for instead of living upon bread and water ha nearly died of it. He was so near death that extreme unctioo was administered to him, but happily without the usual consequences. He rallied, despite the doctors and priests, to life in this world, and Pope Pio None was good enough not only to recognize the brother's temporal existence, but even volunteered to absolve him from the vows which had so nearly sent him prematurely to heaveo, with much useful work on earth still undone.

The Archbishop, though he

drinks only water at the dinner table, now shrinks from no sort of

solid food, and is in consequence healthy, full of physical energy, and altogether as valuable a member of society as a man of his unusua mental capacity ought to be. I am told he is a great orator, and though I am still to have the pleasure of hearing him in public, I can easily imagine it from his ready wit and unusual command, in private conversatioo, of language at once copious and choice. Although, however, I have not heard him in the pulpit, I have seen him in action on the field, and have no hesitation in saying that he has all the qualities of a first-rate cavalry officer, except that for a general be is too fond of going under fire, and that without excuse, the Divisioo more especially under his command, the Frères des Ecoles Chrétiennes, are in this respect anything but young troops that require leading. One of his estafettes, Mr. Elliott Bower, told me that for nearly two hours yesterday Monseigneur kept him riding about under the Prussian bombs, an occupation not uninteresting, perhaps, and certainly exciting, but scarcely what one counted upoo in volunteering to escort an Archbishop. One might as well be an aide-de-camp to General Ducrot, and be killed off at once in leading a charge. Altogether, Monseigneur would have made a first-class medieval priest, alike great in the pulpit, the confessional (the Archbishop was Confessor to the Empress), and in the field, ready to preach in mail armour, or, at a pinch, fight in a cassock. In these degenerate days his best, though inadequate, sphere in time of war is, perhaps, the command of our Ambulance, which he leads admirably, and under such a General — conspicuous from the contrast, felicitously characteristic, between his ecclesiastical dress and his top-boots - we were all proud to go to the Prussian avant postes, though we did not expect that the Archbishop would have any further opportunity of indulging his unarchiepiscopal propensi ty for being fired at....

# Parson's pleasure

From Mr David Hope Sir, I enjoyed reading Nicole Swengley's review of 1987 diaries in today's paper (December 6), but was saddened to see that she had omitted what to me is now the only possibility: The Parson's Pocket Book (published by Atkinson's of Rochdale, £5.50 from SPCK shops).

A week to a page (and - booray! the week begins with Sunday) with a blank leaf opposite for notes etc., tear-off corners, a scarlet page-marker, all the saints' days a good Anglican could possibly require, the Alternative Service Book lectionary (though sadly not the Book of Common Prayer version) and, most delightfully of all, a little real courtesy ("You will oblige by returning to the above address if found") and a real live subjunctive: "If this space be used for a record of visits . . .

Yours faithfully. DAVID HOPE, Maisis School, North Yorkshire.



# COURT

# CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE December 14: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Gala held at Sadler's Wells Theatre in aid of the National Council for One-Parent Families and Martin House Children's Hospice.
Mrs Elizabeth Blair was in

KENSINGTON PALACE December 13: The Duchess of Gloucester, President of The National Children's Home, was present this evening at a Christ-mas Entertainment in aid of the NCH Children in Danger appeal at Fairfield Halls, Croydon. Mrs Howard Page was in

A memorial service for Pauline Grant will be held at Brompton Oratory, on Tuesday, December 23. at 11 am.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lieutenant-Colonel N.L.D. (Billy) McLean will be held at Si Margaret's, West-minster, on Thursday, February 5, 1987, at noon.

### Memorial services

Professor S.A. Tabias A memorial service for Professor S.A. Tobias was held on Salurday at SI Francis Hall, Birmingham, The Rev Rohin Morrison officiated. Professor Robert Davies read from the works of Francis Bacon and Professor G.W. Rowe read a poem, Footprints. Professor M.J. Hamlin, Acting Vice-Chancellor of Birmingham University, gave an address.

Professor A. Gemmell
The Lord Lieutenant for
Staffordshire was represented by

Mr B.A. Price at a memorial service for Professor Alan Gemmell held on Saturday in the Chapel of Keele University. The Rev Kenneth Strach officiated, assisted by Father Richard Sullivan. The Rev Donald Marr read the lesson and Dr Robert Murray and Professor W.A.C. Stewart gave addresses. Professor Brian Fender, Vice-Chancellor Keele University, attended, Vice-Chancellor of Mr M. Croft

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Michael Croft was held yesterday at St Pancras Church, Euston Road. The Rev Douglas Bean offici-aled, Mr Martin Jarvis and Mr Hakeem Kae-Kazim read the essons, Mr Barrie Rutter read A Consecration by John Mase-field, Miss Paula Wilcox read Ask Me No More by A.E. Housman, Mr Hywel Bennett read So, We'll Go No More A Roving by Lord Byron and Mr Simon Ward read The Thou-sandth Man by Rudyard Kip-ling, Mr Geoffrey Sykes gave an

Inner Temple

Mr I.G.A. Hunter, QC, and Mr R.J.A. Bait have been elected December 12, between Dr Pat-masters of the bench of the rick Hewetson and Mrs Sally Clifford Longley

# Top people embrace religion

Speciator or for that matter The Times, are an exceptionally religious lot, and nearly 40 per cent of them are regular churchgoers, four times the proportion in the public at large.

This is the striking conclusion from The Speciator's new Harris poll of a cross section of the upper bracket, defined as leaders from the City and business, the professions and universities, the Civil Service, Parliament, and the arts. The Establishment, at least, is still Christian.

The poll, published this weekend, reveals that this exceptionally high level of participation is backed up by serious belief in the fundamentals of the faith, rooted in conservative and orthodox doctrine. As when the clergy of the Church of England were polled by Gallup some time ago, it is apparent that English Christianity as a whole has by no means surrendered to doctrinal liberalism tinged with agnos-ucism, contrary to the popular impression.

Being active in personal religious life and conservative in belief are evidently rather different from being fascinated by the sayings and doings of churchmen, however. The poll finds them "not very interested in what the clergy have to say. The clergyman's essential job - as probably most clergymen would agree - is seen as pastoral: visiting, comforting and consol-

And being active and committed is not necessarily the same as being well in-formed. For only a quarter of the total could remember even half the Ten Commandments, with the second and third. "not taking the Lord's name in vain" (blasphemy) and "keeping the Sabbath holy", so well forgotten that the rest could be renamed the Eight Commandments. This group presumably

As is common with polls of religious attitudes, however, the answers never quite add up or make sense: 86 per cent of the "believers" in the Top People sample said they though! Christ's miracles actually happened, for instance, while only 64 per cent accepted the Virgin Birth. (It is

Marriages

Michael Johnson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Viscount Leathers, was altended by James MacDonald, Isahelle Pitt, Mrs Elizabeth Tippett, Miss Francesca Barnett and Miss Vanessa Harford, Mr Duncan MacDonald was best tooks.

Donald was best man.

Mr J.R. Dunkley

called straining at a gnat while swallowing a camei).

And while half the sample thought in And while half the sample thought me general the churches should "uphold traditional teaching regardless of social trends", just one in ten specifically opposed the remarriage of divorces in church. Only a quarter of the group said they would oppose the sovereign being allowed to be a Roman Catholic, and even a majority of the Anglicans approved; but it would not be difficult to imagine the same question in another form producing same question in another form producing

a very different answer.

The author of *The Speciator's* report on the findings, Andrew Gimson, finds evidence of indifference in some of these results, and quotes Burke - who calls it "half fidelity" - on the fatal effect that this may have on religious faith. That judgment depends on what assumptions are being made about "total fidelity," which in turn raises the whole question of what, to a top Englishman, "being religious" really is.

top Englishman, "being religious" really is.

There are several common stereotypes of what this badge of righteousness might amount to, such as the "devout Roman Catholic", the "dotty vicar", the "teetotal Noncomformist", and the "innocent young curate". They are persons to whom one apologises for swearing in front of (even if one has forgotten the origin of this taboo). They make other people uncomfortable. They do not occur in public houses. They are both looked up to, and down on. Most people, even those for down on. Most people, even those for whom their faith means everything, would not like to hear themselves described as

very religious" These models all assume that being religious demands a parade of continual intense personal devotion and puritan propriety. In fact Burke's "half fidelity" well describes the common sinner, who is after all, the average citizen of the

kingdom.
These Speciator-po0 Top People are surely just that, unaverage citizens though they may be of the world. A truer religous profile of such a group would pay more attention to where the real spiritual difficulties presumably must lie in being

their memory of the Commandments but as to their respect for the principles of the Sermon on the Mount. But polls cannot measure poverty in spirit nor purity in heart. It is, in any case, something one can never know about oneself, nor another.

So if the poll is to be believed, the leaders of the nation are still strongly influenced by religion, for the regular church attendance claimed by nearly half of them is not sustained against the rival attractions of golf and Sunday indolence without a good deal of commitment. And these are individuals who "have not got where they are today" by wasting their energies on things they know to be

It appears, therefore, that many of the people who control the destiny of others, must pray regularly and publicly both for guidance and for humility (for it is difficult to go to church and not do so).

The poil also found a high level of belief among this top group that prayer is actually effective, and the Harris poll team collected many personal statements, obvi-ously sincere, on the value of private prayer. It was sometimes treated as a last resort in difficulty, but this is a group which is temperamentally more likely to rely more than most on personal effort. Getting to the top may have less to do with prayer than staying there.

They are nevertheless not so open to being influenced by the human institu-tions and spokesmen of Christianity, and the churches would be mistaken in regarding this presence of religious belief and practice in the governing strata of society as a useful Fifth Column for advancing the ideas of the latest church working party.

The findings of *The Spectator* poll suggest, however, that the Christian world view is still very much the governing framework of British society, and that this is so oot because the law demands it but because it happens to be the belief system

# Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.T. Phillipps and Miss C.C.B. Barnett The marriage took place on Saturday in the Crypt Chapel in the Palace of Westminster of Mr Mr T.C. Gibson
and Miss M-J. Coles
The engagement is announced
between Timothy, son of Mr
and Mrs H.L. Gibson, of The
Old Vicarage, Little Missenden,
Buckinghamshire, and MaryJane, daughter of LieutenantColonel and the Hon Mrs
George Coles, of Kings Court
North, London, SW3. Michael Phillipps, son of Mr and Mrs Owen Phillipps, of Perworth, Sussex, and Miss Cathy Barnett, eldest daughter of the late Mr A. A. C. Barnett and Viscountess Leathers, of Chiddingfold, Surrey, Canon Trevor Beeson and the Rev Michael Johnson officiated. North, London, SW3,

Mr R.C. Howes and Miss V.L. Wood

The engagement is announced between Roger Crockford, only son of the late Mr Robert Howes and of Mrs Joyce Howes, of Chesham, Buckinghamshire, and Venetia Lucie, only daugh-ter of Sir John and Lady Wood, of London, Wil.

and Miss M.J. Larder The marriage took place on Saturday, December 6, 1986, at and Miss C. Chappell
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs B.J. Ball, of Calcot Manor, St Luke's Church, Chelsea, of Mr James Dunkley, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Norman Dunkley, of Hythe, Kent, and Miss Melanie Larder, Tetbury, and Catherine, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Chappell, only daughter of Mr and Mrs James Larder, of Melbourne, of Bideford, Devon. .

Mr D.E. Barton

Victoria, Australia, A reception was held at Crosby Hall, Chelsea. and Miss A. Parry
The engagement is announced Dr P.R.T. Hewetson between Daniel, only son of Mr D.J. Barton and the late Mrs. D.M. Barton, of Aldridge Walk, Southgate, and Alannah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan and Mrs S.E. How The marriage took place in Northampton on Friday. Parry, of Upper Gattoo Park,

Mr N.D.P. Carn and Miss E.C.B. Ochtman

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.P. Carn, of Olverston, Bristol, and Eveline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L.H.J. Ochtman, of Rome, Italy.

Mr T.D. Clay and Miss F.C. Stocker

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Desmond Clay, of Yardley, Birmingham, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Stocker, of Sharnbrook,

Mr P.H.A. Clegg and Miss S.E. Pearson

The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Clegg, of Bledlow, Oxfordshire, and Suzie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Pearson, of Boarshill,

Mr J.B. Goodbody and Miss R.E. O'Connell

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs D.M. Goodbody, of Islington, London, and Rhona Eu-nice, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.F. O'Connell, of Bisley, Mr S.D. Green and Miss K.F. Gracey

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Desmond Green, of Church Stretton, Shropshire, and Kath-ryn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Gracey, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr R.G. Jones and Miss J.H. Farr The engagement is announced between Robert Gordon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robert Jones, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Joanna Helen, daughter of Dr and Mrs Dennis Farr, of Bedford Park, London.

Mr A.J. Kerr and Miss C.A. Douds

The engagement is announced between Allan, eldest son of the late Mr Jasper Kerr and of Mrs Bart Herbert, of Welham Hall, Malton, North Yorkshire, and Carol, only daughter of Captain Charles Donds, RN, and Mrs Douds, of Jade Cottage, Wade Court, Havant, Hampshire.

Mr J.C. Mansfield and Mrs P.A. Wharton The engagement is announced between John, elder son of the

late Mr F.A. Mansfield and of Mrs F.A. Mansfield, and Penel-ope, elder daughter of the late Mr Eric Rutherford and of Mrs E. Rutherford, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Mr D.G. Moore and Miss R.K. Webb

and Miss R.K. Webb
The engagement is announced between Duncan, son of the late
Mr Terence G. Moore and of
Mrs Pamela W. Moore, of
Bentley, Suffolk, and Rosemary,
younger daughter of Mr and Mrs
Douglas C. Webb, of Thorpe St.
Andrew, Norwich.

Mr A.E.W. Purbrick
and Miss J.E. Orr
The engagement is announced
between Adrian, son of Mr and
Mrs H.E. Purbrick, of 4
Gorlands Road, Chipping
Sodbury, near Bristol, Avon,
and Jane Elizabeth, daughter of
Mr and Mrs W.T. Orr, of
Bearsted Dormans Park, East Bearsted, Dormans Park, East

Mr E.M.H. Salina and Miss P. Messum

The engagement is announced between Essam Muhammad Hussein, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Muhammad Hussein Salim, of Cairo, and Philippa, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.W. Messum, of Chingford.

Mr I.P. Stanton
and Miss L. Lucas
The engagement is announced
between lan, second son of Mr
and Mrs P.F. Stanton, of Guernsey, and Leonor, daughter of Mr
and Mrs F.D. Lucas, of La Paz,
Bolivia.

Mr P.O.Vaughan and Miss LM. Fairclough

and Miss LM. Fairclough
The engagement is announced
between Owen, elder son of Dr
and Mrs R.A. Vaughan, of
Dalreich, Letham, Angus, and
isobel, elder daughter of Mr and
Mrs R.H. Fairclough, of Hills
Road, Cambridge.

Birthdays today

Mr David Abell, 44; Lord Acton, 79; Sir Denis Barnes, 72; Mr Michael Bogdanov, 48; Lord Croham, 69; Lord Dunpark, 71; Air Marshal Sir John Fitzpatrick, 57; Miss Ida Haendel, 62; Mr Gunnar Hagglof, 82; Sir Henry Hardman, 81; General Sir Frank Kitson, 60; Dr Una Kroll, 61; Mr Oscar Niemeyer, 79; Miss Edna O'Brien, 56; Viscount Trenchard, 63.

Dinner

Old Newburians Association Mr LV. Scull, President of the Old Newburians Association, presided at the annual dinner held on Saturday at St Bartholomew's School, Newhory. Those present included Mr R.P.H. Mermagen, headmanter Mr. L.M. headmaster, Mr J.M. Freeman, chairman of governors, Mr J.A. Gale, foundation governor, and Mr C.O. Hobbs, honorary secretary.

Latest wills

Lord Boothby leaves £140,000

Lord Boothby, the Conservative politician and broadcaster, left estate valued at £139,430 net, He was MP for East Aberdeenshire from 1924 to 1958, when he was created a life peer. OBITUARY

# PROFESSOR GLYN DANIEL

Popularizer of archaeology

Professor Glyn Daniel, FBA, Disney Professor of Archaeology at Cambridge from 1974 to 1981, died on December 13 at the age of 72. He was known to countless admirers as a personality who played a leading role, along with Sir Mortimer Wheeler, in pioneering the BBC's televi-

sion programme Animal, Veg-

etable, Mineral that did so

interest in archaeology.

A Weishman and the son of headmaster. Daniel relished acquiring and conveying knowledg

Glyn Edmund Daniel was born on April 23, 1914, and educated at Barry County School, of which he was ever after proud, as a nursery of scholars. His headmaster there, a keen amateur archaeologist, took parties of senior boys on weekend digs, and fired Daniel with an enthusiasm for the subject.

After a year studying geology at University College, Car-diff, he went to St John's College, Cambridge, with a state scholarship. He had a brilliant career as undergraduate and research student.

As a young archaeologist when war broke out he was among the first recruits to the central photographic interpretation unit of the RAF. In due course he was put in charge of this branch of intelligence for India and South East Asia with the rank of wing-com-mander, work which earned him a mention in despatches.

Returning to Cambridge in 1945 he was appointed an assistant lecturer in the Faculty of Archaeology and Anthropology, where he remained for the rest of his career. Io 1974 he was made Disney Professor.

He served as secretary and chairman of his faculty board and as a member of the general board. He was also a director of Anglia Television and of the Cambridge Arts Theatre.

Meanwhile, he retained the Fellowship at St John's to which he was elected in 1938, and served as a college director of studies and as steward, before qualifying as a professorial fellow.

Daniel's temperament was to some degree mismatched

much to promote a wider

His ability to organize, clarify and expound would have been better adapted to a field in a more mature state of development than prehistoric archaeology, about which relatively little was yet known. The subject stood in desperate need of innovatory concepts and of disciplined programmes of research.

In the study of megalithic chamber tombs in which he specialized Daniel's field-work was limited, with few exceptioos, to surface survey, and his published work, while admirably clear, displayed an almost uniform absence of original ideas.

His contributions to the history of archaeology, while displaying a breadth and depth of reading well seen, for instance, in his Hundred and Fifty Years of Archaeology. lack the insight and contemporary relevance that arise from personal involvement in the field. His best work, notably his first book. The Three Ages, was concerned with the early history of the

On the other hand, the fact that he was ready to accept the existing body of material at its face value, coupled with a capacity for cooveying his sense of enjoyment, made him a sympathetic editor. In many ways his most useful services to archaeology were those made in this capacity.

subject.

In 1958 he took over the editorship of Antiquity, the quarterly review created, and for thirty years edited, by O. G. S. Crawford, the piooeer of archaeological air-photography. In the same year he began his association with Thames & with the state of his subject. Hudson, as general editor of

the illustrated series, "Ancient Peoples and Places", whose volumes appeared at prices and in a style that brought them within reach of a wide public. His own A Short History of Archaeology (1981) was the hundredth of the

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The flair he showed as series. editor extended to his roles as public lecturer and televisioo personality. As a performer his message that archaeology could be pleasurable as well as instructive came over very clearly to popular audiences. One of the keys to his

success was that he so evidently enjoyed the performance. and relished helping others to do the same. To this end he was often ready to combine archaeology with other pleasures.

He spent much time studying megaliths in France, where in later years he had a house, and naturally combined with this an interest in food and wine, which led to the gastroarchaeological book. The Hungry Archaeologist in France.

But in gastronomy he could be creator as well as chroni-cler. One of his inventions was Les Poires Salagos, a dish of pears in spun sugar, for the wedding of Colin Renfrew, a pupil and his eventual successor in the Disney chair. It took its name from the Greek island on which Renfrew had been excavating.

A tascination with pursuing clues and solving puzzles also led to the detective stories, The Cambridge Murders (1945) and Welcome Death (1954), and found expression in his archaeological work in a perennial concern with fakes and forgeries.

He retired from the Disney chair in 1981 and was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1982, but his life's work received, surprisingly, oo recognition from the state.

Some Small Harvest, an autobiography, appeared earlier this year.

Daniel was a warm and sociable character, whose wit and zest as an entertainer caused endless delight. He married, in 1946, Ruth

Langhorne, who shared his interests and much of his

His public, as distinct from

political, services incloded pa-

tronage of the arts, in which he

was encouraged by his two

came art students. He was a

Centre and founded the East

Kent Arts Centre and Gallery

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work.
They had no children.

### SIR GERALD GLOVER

Sir Gerald Glover, solicitor, property developer, racehorse owner and Tory activist, died oo December 12. He was 78. Gerald Alfred Glover was born oo June 5, 1908, and educated at the City of Loodon School before enter- political and public services". ing the firm of Mayfair solicifounded. From this base he started, in the 1930s, his career as a property developer, and he early obtained the backing of Robert Edwin (now Lord) McAlpine. The first fruit of

tain House in Park Lane. Later they formed together the company Edger Investments Ltd (the name uniting the first letters of their Christian names), which was responsible for many London

their collaboration was Foun-

huildings, including Caltex House in Knightsbridge and the Carlton Tower Hotel. Meanwhile Glover had had an interesting war. Even be-fore its outbreak he joined a secret group, financed by leading English Jews, whose purpose was to enable Jewish scientists to escape from Ger-

The rest of the war he speot in counter-intelligence in England, ending it with the rank of major, and he cootinued to be known as Major Glover after daughters, both of whom behis return to civilian life until, in 1971, he was knighted "for trustee of the Bankside Arts In 1963 he joined the board

of the City of London Real Property Company (CLRP), and two years later was elected its chairman. But his association with it ceased not long afterwards, when it was taken over by Land Securities. On the other hand he remained closely connected with Edger Investments until his death, even though control of it passed to the Prudential in

At the request of Sir Alec Douglas-Home, whom he much admired, he took on the chairmanship of the Conservative Party's East Midland Area Executive in 1963 and held it for eight years. He was also a leading member of the Kettering divisional associa-tion, and for some years a many by way of Hungary. This political work, involving Travelling ostensibly as a strenuous weekend activity King's Messenger, he paid many visits to Budapest in 1938-40, in pursuance of this work. Northants county councillor.

Her advice on the causes

She had boundless energy and enthusiasm for anything she touched, her special loves

being flowers, architecture, music and art. Her warm

hospitality, supported by her companion of many years, Mrs "Bill" Goadby, brought a

wide range of people to visit her at Blockley. She was a member of the council of

Trusthouse Forte, and its predecessors, for many years.

and hon fellow of St Anne's

College, Oxford.

She was hon DCL, Durham,

She is survived by a son and

and cures of juvenile delin-

to be President of ATMI

He is survived by his wife.

# MRS CLARE SPURGIN

for young offenders.

Frances Clare Skurray was born on September 2, 1897, the daughter of an Abingdon brewer. She attended St Helen's, Abingdon, and stud-ied at the Royal Free Hospital. She had to abandon medicine and then took the Oxford diploma in anthropology. In 1925 she married Arthur

She settled in the Cotswold

work (notably housing) and was made a magistrate in 1943. Margery Fry encouraged her to join the Association Internationale des Magistrats de la Jeunesse.

A friend writes:

Mr Dick Heppel (obituary. November 26), was a diplo-matist of whom his country

Heppel took a more how critical, few then realized. league was distressed at the gence; unfortunately, London Moscow. The sometime King results which, with hindsight,

do the sculpture that adorns the face of the Carlton Tower In his own neighbourhood he was chairman of the Orton Trust, which gives support to stonemasons and their craft. He collected works of art himself, though on a compara-

tively modest scale.

As a hloodstock breeder and racehorse owner he had considerable success, notably in 1962 when his horse Privy Councillor won the 2000 Guineas. He was also an enthusiastic hunting man. Living at Pytchley House, he was for many years "a geotle-man of the white collar" of the Pytchley Hunt, of which he was a trustee for the past 20.

Susan, and their two daugh-

and she became the first May I be allowed to add a Briton, and the first woman,

> During the bad days of 1942, when we were forced to withdraw some 350 miles to Alamein, Pat played a vital role as a young operational staff officer to Lieutenant-General "Strafer" Gott, com-

serving the commander upon whom the main task of con-ducting the British withdrawal

Mr Johnny White, who died recently at the age of 61, began his career as repertory actor at Leeds, but later

His first notable success in the early 1960s was a modern silent film comedy 4 Home of Your Own starting Richard Briers and Ronnie Barker, which many regard as a

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Charity Reg. Christian Children's Fund of Great Britain.

Mrs Clare Spurgin, OBE, who died on December 12, aged 89, gained an international reputation for her work

Spargin, an officer with the Sikh Pioneers. He died in

village of Blockley, became involved in local authority

failed, perhaps, to make the best possible use. The most critical position that he held was certainly that of ambassador to Cambodia;

Heppel's American colnumber of students from the country who went to study in Norodom Sihanouk defended his policy, saying: "If I send to judge.

# MR R.P. HEPPEL

language) "they all come back raging communists; but if they go to Moscow, they come back having lived in a communistrun country, and can make up their minds later."

favourable view than his colleague of Sihanouk's intellilistened to Washington rather than to its own man, with we are now in better position

MAJ-GEN PATRICK HOBART

quency was much respected, F. M. de B. writes: brief personal note to your excellent ohituary (November Her autobiography My Journey was published last

> manding 13 Corps. He and Paul Hohbs (sadly to be killed in action later that year) were a brilliant pair.

"Strafer" was by then a very tired man, and it was in no small degree due to Pat's charm and light-hearted touch, combined with an ioborn tactical flair, that the Corps staff was able to serve its commander so well at an them to Paris," (French being the country's international Desert War. Desert War.

became a writer of comedy that ranged from Coronation Street to West End intimate

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SURROGATE COURT OF THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HAMILTON

WENTWORTH

IN THE MATTER OF The Surrogal Court Act R.S.O. 1980, Section 31

AND IN THE MATTER OF the Estate of

CITATION TO PARTIES CONCERNED TO Office of the Public Trustee, to Peter Roberts, Boards Roberts, Sough Roberts, Materier H. Roberts, and in the Cellor of the Officed Guarding. Granting.

Wherein an application has been relate to this Court for Probate of on stieged Will of the above-named Phyllis Campbell, bearing date the 26th day of February, 1979 and whereas it is desirable that the validity of the alleged Will should be deter-nance orige and for all after hotics to all

You are therefore required to enter an appearance in the Office of the Registrar of this Court, at the Court House at 50 Main Street East, Hamilton, Ontario, within 30 days of service, if you desire to take narr in the descriptantion of this question.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is

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DATED this 3rd day of Day B.R.A. CALLACHAN LIQUIDATOR

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant o Section 588 of the Companies Act 985, that a Meeting of the Creditors of

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Dated 11th December

DOMESTIC & CATERING STITUATIONS

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LALL MARCETSON DERECTOR

Completi deceased, late of the City Blos. In the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth

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For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ: and shall deceive many. St. Mark 13.6

BIRTHS

CLARFELT - on December 13, at St Mary's Hospital Paddington, to Tina and Mark. 2 sog. and Mark, a son.
COTTON - On December 11th. to Sam
(née Greenwood) and Stephen. a son,
Harry George.
DELANY - On December 11th 1986, at
St.Thomas' Hospital. to Shella (née
Vere Nicoli) and Terence, a daughter. Tatiana Louise.
FOCH FEMARE CO. December 15th.

ECCLESHARE - On December 10th, to Carol and William, a con, Charles David, a brother for Thomas FRANKLIN - on December 9 1986, to New York, to Both (nee Laidiaw) and Jonathan, a son, James Jonathan.

and Timothy 6 son, Samuel John Spencer.
GIFFORD on December 12th to Jane unde Lumer) and Roger, a son.
MOLLOWAT - On December 11th, in Norwich to Georgina unde Rous) and Charles a son.
LE FANU on December 12th, to Lucy and Mark, a son, Caspar, 6 brother for Thomas, Marthew and Cella. MARLOR On December 5th, to Katherine (nee Shelion) and John. 2 son. Christopher John.

MARTIN On December 11th, at Ali Saints' Hospital. Chatham, to Christopher Lith, at Ali Saints' Hospital. Chatham, to Christine (nee Harrod) and David, a daughler, Verity Jane, a sieter for Suzanne.

COMBRIDGE On 10th December 1996 peacefully. John Theodore Combridge, M.A., M.Sc., F.K.C., husband of the late Wintired Adelated (nice Cooke) and loving father of Rosemary and Anthony Combridge and Nancy Jefferis. Funeral on Wednesday 17th December at 3 pm at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans. Family Rowers only but donations way be sent to Oxfam.

...MEL - On December 13th, at home.

Family Rowers only but donations may be sent to Oxfam.

. MIEL - On December 13th, at home in Cambridge after a short fitness, borne with dignity and good humour. Glyn Edmund, Fellow of SL John's College since 1938, Emeritus Disney Professor of Archaeology, Knight (First Claes) of the Dannebrog, Deeply mourned by his toving wife, Ruth, and a wide circle of family and frends at home and overseas. Cremation private. No flowers, but donations welcomed by Professor Mitchell's Cancer Research Fund, c/o Addenbrooke's Hospital. Cambridge, Memorial service later, FORTE - On 11th December 1986, Annino Vincento, aged 75 years, peacefully in the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Beloved husband of Luds. Gather of James, Maria-Teresa, Vincent, Giovanna, son-in-law Peter, his grandson william and all his brothers, sisters and family, it is the wish of Mr. Forte that the only horal tribute shall be from his wife and children and if other members of the family and friends so wish they may make donations to the Cardiac Discretionary Fund (Dr. Chamberlain) R.S.C.H. Brighlon, East Sussex. Service on Thursday 18th December 12 pm at the Sacred Heart Church, Norion Road, Hove, Followed by in-Norion Road, Hove, Followed by fin-lerment at Hove Cemetery, Enquires to Hanningtons Funeral Directors, 4/6 Monteflore Road, Hove, Sumer, Telephone: Brighton 0273-778733

GLOVER - On December 12th peacefully at borne, Sir Gerald, beloved 
Husband of Susan, loving Father of 
Alison and Georgina and their fautiles, Funeral at Pynchley Church, 
Wednesday 17th December at 2.15 
p.m. Family flowers only, Donations 
to: Macmillan Cancer Nurses Appeal, 
Stockburn Memorial Home, Southlands, Ketterling, Northamis, 
Enquiries to Jack Waswick, Funeral 
Directors, Wallace Rd, Ketterling, 
(0536) 85635. Thanksgiving service 
In London Will be auroumced later. 
MEALING - on December 6th 1986, 
peacefully in hospital, Peter (Rel'd 
Major), dearty loved husband of Louise and very dear father, granifather; 
and great granifather. Funeral Requiem Mass at St. Bedes Catholic 
Church, Weaverham, Chesbire on, 
Wednesday December 17th at 2pin. 
HENDERSON - on December 10, 1986. GLOVER - On December 12th peace-

Henderson, BSC (Editi), ozer hus-band of Jo, faither of Rosalimd and grandfather of Gareth and Martin. LACERFELT - On December 11th at Strasbourg, Baron Karl-Gustav Lagerfett, beloved husband of Monique and loving father of Caro-ine and Johan and grandfather of Nicholas. The funeral will take place in Kutala, Sweden, on 25rd December.

MATCHETT On December 10th, peacefully at home. Cadric Rupert Langton, beloved humband of Florence, beloved humband of Florence, and the state of Alexandra, Astrid, Alistair, Simon and Joseliva and beloved brother of Pamela. Service at Southend Cramatorium on Thursday 18 Dec. at 2pm. Flowers to Curver and Sons. Southchurch Rd. Southend-on-Sea. Michigal. An On December 11th. peacefulty at Addenhrootle's Hospital. Cambridge. Emmis Frances, previously of Southampton and Bournemouth, widow of Joseph Patrick. mother of Sheingh Stern and Michael, grandmother of Anthony. Theresa, Patrick. Carallia, Anne. Gillian and John. Funeral service will take place 2pm. at Cambridge City Crematorium on Friday 19th December 1986.

MEDGELEY on December 11th, peacefully in Stefford, Roy Lee MD. M.R.C.P., Medical Superintendent, Hawkmoor Chest Rospital from 1934 to 1965. Metropial service at St. Metrochurch RC Church. Tor-quay, January 16th 1867 at 226-

St. Marychurch RC Church. Tor-quay. January 16th 1987 at 3.30pm. Donations in memory to the Torbay Hospital for the benefit of the Midgeley Ward.

NORMAN-WALKER December 11th suddenly at home. Brigadier Woodford Norman-Walker O.B.E., much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service at Farley Church on 19th December at 11 o'clock. No flowers but donations to R.N.L.L. please.

PEARCE: On December 11th, suddenby at home, Anne, much loved wife
of David and adored mother of Eirzbeth and Christopher, Readem rass
at Holy Cross Church, Carstalton,
Surrey, Wednesday 17th December
at 11tm. No flowers presse. Donations, if destred, to The British
Epilepsy Association, Assety House,
40 Hanover Square, Leeds, LSS 18E.

40 Hanover Square, Leeds, LSS 18E.

PICKLES. On December 11th 1986, pascetuly at home to Wilmslow, Ethel May, lormerly of Merion road, Sale, Cheshire, beloved daughter of the laie S A and J W Pickles, and greatly loved by the Simpson family. Funeral service in Saint Mary's Church. Ashton-upon-Mersey, on Thursday 18th December at 10.30am and afterwards private interment. Flowers from the family only please, but if wished, gifts to memorism for Dr Barnardo's Charlty, may be sent to Messra Johs O Ashton and Co, Church Street, Altrincham, Tel OSI 9287816.

SHELDOM - on December 10, tragical-ty, Antony, aged 15 years, Funeral to be held at Breakspear Crematori-um, Ruistip, on Thursday, December 18. at 2.30 pm, to the East Chapel. Flowers in 8, Plough Farm Closs. Ruistip.

SINCLAIR. On December 9th, peace fully at St. Helens Hospital, Hastings. Thomas Stoddart Stinclair., C.Eng., F.I.C.E., F.I.H.T., M.R.T.P.L. (Ch.T.P.), in his 86th year, adored husband of Blanche and deeply loved by his 2008 Brian and Michael and their families. Funeral service at St. Georges U.R. Church, Cantenne Rd. Beachtli-on-Sea. at 12 hoom on Wednesday December 17th, followed by private cremation at Easthourne, Family flowers only, donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, c/o Mummery F.D., 31 Devonabler Rd. Bexhill-on-Sea.

SPURGIN On December 12th, peace-fully at Moreton in Marsh hospital, Frances Clare, beloved mother of Mi-chael and Jane and long life friend 18th Goadby, Privale cremation Thursday, no flowers, Dotustons to Leukannia Research Fund, 43 Great Ormond at, WCI NSBR, Memorial service in Blockley church, later,

\$7600 - On 11th December, suddenly Vanna Roberts, dearly loved by he

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE PRAMPTON - Doris Gwennie, Decem-

Science report

# Channel power cable repaired on sea-bed

time difference and because of variations in lifestyle, they de-cided to exchange electricty. The two countries built an under-water cable link between Sangatte in France and Folke-stone in Kent.

Transfer of power began ear-

tier this year. But the achieve-ment also involved another major advance in technology, allowing repairs to be made underwater.
The trans-Channel cable con-

the trans-channel cante col-sists of eight wires surrounded by a woven mesh of conductor and protected by an insulating sheath. It has a capacity of 2,000 megawaits, the equivalent of the power produced by two modern protects nower stations, and nuclear power stations, and equivalent to 4 per cent of the

anional grid.

The 35 kilometre cable is divided into four pairs or bipoles, each able to provide a quarter of the total output independently. The link is buried about 35 metres underwater and in some places at 65 metres inder the surface of the sea.

To maintain it, France and To maintain it, France and Britain built a remarkable submersible, called CRHAB,

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Latest appointments include:
Group Captain L.H. Campbell to
be Aide-de-Camp to the Queen
from December 6, in succession
to Group Captain D.J. Noyce.
Major-General C.E.W. Jones to
be Commander 3rd Armoured
Division from next March, in
succession to Major-General
D.J. Ramsbottam.
Major-General J.H. Learmont
to be Chief of Staff Headquarters United Kingdom Land
Forces from March, in succes-

quarters United Kingdom Land
Forces from March, in succession to Major-General A.K.F.
Walker.
Brigadier C. Tyler to be Deputy
Chief of Staff (Support) Headquarters Allied Forces Northern
Europe, in the rank of majorgeneral in March, in succession
to Major-General J.C. Hardy,
Royal Marines. Royal Marines.
Mr Martin Bradshaw to be director of the Civic Trust in succession to Mr Michael

Middleton, who is retiring at the end of the year. Legal Mr James Chadwin, QC, to be Leader of the North Eastern Circuit from January 1

When France and Great Britain found that they had different peak times in electricity consumption, because of the time difference and because of the time difference and because of repair of an electrical cable

The companies tested it off The companies tested it off Brighton during 50 days at a depth of 75 metres. The first underwater repair was performed in 37 hours on a test cable. In future, when a fault is detected by Electricite de France or the Central Electricity Generating Board, a ship carrying the submersible will go out to locate the fault.

locate the fault. A remote control dredger will be used to unearth the cable, which will lay uncovered in a trench. The submersible will then be sent down and the door in the working compartment will be opened to let the faulty length of cable in. After the area is desired and re-pressurized. is drained and re-pressurized, the cable can be repaired man-

Mr Richard Alexander McCullagh to be joint Registrar for the district of Birkenhead, Liverpool, St Helens and Southport county courts and joint District Registrar of the High Court at Birkenhead, Liverpool, St Helens and Southport from

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cision to buy Boeing would do "very considerable damage" to British industry. GEC has already said that it would cost 2,500 redundancies among the team engaged on the project and the loss of up to £2 billion of exports with the avionics system fitted into the C-130 Hercules aircraft.

At the centre of the GEC complaint is that the six month assessment of the systems had been prepared hy RAF officers biased against Nimrod; that Boeing received more favourable cash terms from the ministry; that the operational requirements had been changed to favour Awacs and, despite Nimrod being cheaper, the ministry had still recommended Boeing.

### **RAF** makes angry reply to claim

Mr Prior's rearguard action prompted a highly uousual official rebuttal from the RAF, issued with the full authority of defence ministers and the head of the Air Force, Air Marshal Sir David Craig.

Air Commodore Bobby Robson, the RAF chief spokesman said: "I simply can't accept these allegations. There has been the most thorough, far-reaching evaluation of the competing proposals agains the MoD specification over the last six

"The suggestion that the assessment is a biased RAF exercise impugns the integrity not only of the RAF but also of all those individuals involved in this difficult task, and ignores the fact that the Risk Assessment Group (which prepared the report) was made up of many disciplines.

The equipment policy committee, which consisted of technical experts and Treasury officials as well as RAF officers, found unanimously in favour of Awacs.

The GEC system would have provided 11 Nimrods for delivery to the RAF, the first three by oext autumn. On top of the almost £1 billion of taxpayers' money spent on the project over the last nine years a further £500 million would be needed to hring them all up to specifications.

The Awacs system would be based on six to eight aircraft and would, initially, cost several hundred million pounds more, although defence sources and the Boeing com-pany insist that over the 20year life of the programme the cost differences were not

One big problem with Boeing has been the three-year gap between order and delivery, but it is likely that the Government will ask the United States for the loan of three USAF Awacs aircraft now with the Saudi Arabian air force pending their delivery of five new planes next

Although Mr Caspar Weinberger, the US Defence Secretary, had discussed the Awacs-Nimrod debate with Cabinet ministers when in Londoo last week, it was emphasized yesterday that the US administration had

brought no pressure to bear on the Government.
A decisioo to scrap Nimrod now will lead to questions why the project was not cancelled before it had cost so much

An investigation by the Commons Select Committee on Defence will employ special advisers, call for the Mioisters concerned and see representatives of GEC and

Yesterday Boeing denied Mr Prior's claims that it had been given access to the technical assessment on the two aircraft.

### Steel demand for clear statement

Mr David Steel, Liberal leader, gave a foretaste of the political battles to come when he said yesterday. "The tax-payer has made a £900 millioo investment in Nimrod. The Government cannot be allowed to scrap that because it would involve the break-up of experienced British teams at the forefront of high technology and would deprive us of export orders.

The Defence Secretary Mr Younger has said that both Nimrod and Awacs work. If there are now overwhelming reasons why we have to huy the American system at a further cost of £500 million we will want to have a clear statement on why this is so, when it was discovered and what they were doing with the £900 million of public



Mr Justice Popplewell (with scissors) opening the new Bradford City stand at Valley Parade yesterday.

# Bradford phoenix rises from ashes

team's manager, Bobby Rob-son, head bowed but ex-pressioo proud. "If soccer is all about courage, resilience, enthusiasm and determina-

tioo then Bradford City de-serves to be on top of the pile," Kevin Keegan, the Mara-dona of British football folklore, nodded in agreement. Overnight he had flown in from his home io Spain to take

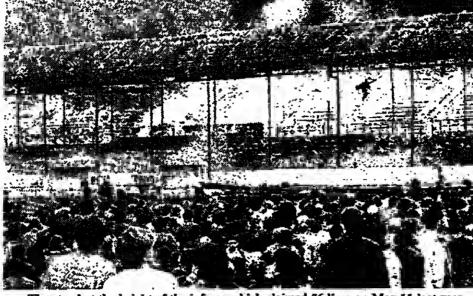
part in what he said would forever be remembered as the special occasion in sporting history. None of the players were a hlack arm band. Second division Bradford soccer cluh's

grief will be worn in perpetu-ity, a narrow strip of black which forever more will mark the V-neck of "The Bantams" claret and amber strip. It was left to the Bishop of Bradford, the Right Rev Robert Kerr Williamson, to ex-

press in words the emotions shared by a mourning mass. Uoveiling a commemo-rative plaque and dedicating a symbolic statue of four players and a woman kneeling in prayer, he said: "Triumph and tragedy frequently go hand in hand. There is a time to weep and a time to play, a time to be

sad and a time to be joyful. "Today is a new day marking a new beginning with this stadium as a symbol of hope. Nothing could be more fitting than that the rebirth of Valley Parade is celebrated on a Sunday afternoon because Suoday is the day of resurrection.

Leading article, page 15 At the inaugural ceremony



Mr Heginbotham made an because it was still struggling impassioned plea for urgent and large-scale government funding to improve safety standards at impoverished third and fourth division fool-

Last year the Treasury re-ceived £212 million from football betting tax, the Bradford club chairman said. A substantial proportion of those profits should be earmarked for a one-off payment to clubs in the lower football divisions, who did not have the financial resources to im-

prove safety standards. football. Mr Heginbotham spoke from the heart. It was as a direct result of Bradford City's inability to build a new stand,

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The stand at the height of the inferno which claimed 56 lives on May 11 last year. to pay off the debts of the previous cinh which had gone

> blaze occurred last year. "What I am asking for is a one off payment to drag clubs out of the backwater of pov-erty and get them to the starting gates of equality". Mr Heginbotham said.

into liquidation, that the fatal

"From then on it is up to them, either they swim, thanks to an increase in the supporters attracted by improved facilities or they sink and are forced out of League

"If they receive a cash injection then the future is very much in their own hands

- but they need a start and the Government is in a position to give it to them. Whether that money will be forthcoming

remains to be seen.

Mr Richard Tracey, the Sports Minister, was cautious about committing govern-ment funds to football safety. He said the Football Grounds Improvement Trust, which was funded by £8 million pools promotion profits, could be approached by League clubs wishing to carry out improvement work.

Any consideration of further financial assistance lay in the hands of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

WEATHER

HIGH TIDES

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# 120-day cell ordeal

Continued from page 1

Food was supplied only every second day and the sione floor was covered in filth and infested with vermin. During her spells in solitary confinement she was allowed no clothing or blankets be-youd her prison uniform. On occasions, in order to try and break her spirit, the guards

An anofficial translation of the most recent poem completed by Irina Ratushinskaya, dated October 24, 1986. Country of thoughtful stations. and of eternally poor old

You have punished all your

children. be they strong or weak. with doubt. Your questions, until dawn. Your reprimonds, until the

and no unequivocal onswer. even to one. Not to one. and how shall we live, you and me, in such o land? Where with a handful of vour earth? You are looking, covering your

eyes with your hand. To forget? To curse? To make the sign of the cross?

would claim that her sentence would be increased and she would never be free. Mrs Ratushinskaya smuggled some of her poetry out of

the camp by a word of mouth method she refuses to publicize. "There are still other prisoners using it, so I am not going to explain because I do not want to help the authorities put a stop to it," she declared. "I know that some of the poems I smuggled out

have already been set to music

and are circulating on pirate

cassettes here, in Leningrad

and other big Soviet cities." Ironically, one of her bestknown poems cootains the lines. "I shall write of all the wretched people Who have been left on the

Of those who have been sentenced to silence I shall also write . . ."

As her reputation grew in Western literary circles, she became an increasing embarrassment to the Kremlin, which has been trying since Mr Mikhail Gorbachov came to power in 1985 to brush np its image on human rights. Her final release is understood to have been sanctioned by the Soviet leader personally.

with heavy rain, but during the morning the weather will brighten up and turn

colderm. There will be some sunshine then but a few showers in the afternoon and

evening. Western districts of England and Scotland. Wales and Northern Ireland.

will be sunny at times but there will be quite a few showers. Some will be heavy with

hail and there will be some snow, especially on northern hills. It will be fairly cold

and much of Britain will be windy. Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday:

Continuing rather cold with sunshine and showers but turning drier for a time on ;

Atlantic fronts will cross the country overnight and early

tomorrow. Many eastern areas will be wet for a while

# Gulag poet Labour not to pursue claim of MI5 plot

now Lord Wilson of Rievauly He is unlikely, however, to have any overt support from the Labour Leader Mr Neil Kinnock and his shadow cabinet colleagues. They do not want attention diverted from the Nimrod affair, and from the central question of the Government's apparent inconsisten v in the treatment of Mr Wright and of those security service personnel who gave information to authors Chapman Pincher and Nigel West for their books.

While there is a readiness on the Labour side to believe that some MI5 operatives did indulge in some "dirty tricks" a senior Labour source said last night that they saw little point in fuelling Harold Wilson's paranoia, even in retrospect"

Relations between Mr Kionock and his former party leader are said to be cool

Mr Campbell-Savours said on TV-am yesterday that Mr Wilson had told journalists after his resignation that, during the last eight months of his Government, the security services were out of cootrol, interfering with his private office and with Cabinet colleagues.

Mr Wright, he said, har admitted in his book that he was involved in an attempt to undermine the democratically elected government.

Io 1977 Mr James Callaghan, Mr Wilson's successor. told MPs that there were no grounds for a lack of confidence in the competence and impartiality of the security services and no need for as special inquiry, effectively discrediting the claims which had surfaced at that time about an M15 plot against his predecessor.

### Around-world flight airborne Edwards Base, California

(Renter) - The experimental aircraft Voyager scraped its right wing on a desert runway as it took off yesterday on its attempt to circle the world without stopping or refuelling.

The oddly-shaped aircraft taxied laboriously down a long desert runway and suffered minor damage to the under side of the right wing as it finally lifted off on its planned 27,000-mile flight expected to end on Christmas Eve.

# **Today's Events**

# Royal engagements

dent of Busioess in the Commupity, attends a reception for The Percent Club given by the Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street,

The Princess of Wales attends a carol service at the Royal Parish Church of St Martiu-inthe-Fields, 6.25.

The Duke of Gloucester presents the 1986 Award to the Girl Technician Engineer of the Year at the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, 11.20; and as Patroo attends a pre-Christmas drinks party given by the Bulldog Manpower Services

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent attend the International Show Jumping Championships at Olympia, 7.

### New exhibitions **Nature Notes**

Images in China; Harris Museum; Prestum; to Jan 28.

Contemporary British Woodcuts; City Museum and Art ern England; when they rise Gallery, Foregate Street, Wordester, to Jan 24; 11 - 1.

John Lill plays Beethoven, St George's Brandon Hill, Bristol. Carols, Canterbury Choral Society, Canterbury Cathedral,

Haydn The Creation, Theatre Royal, Plymouth, 7.30pm. Clarendon Orchestra in aid of Home Farm Trust, Watserd Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Loodoo Philharmonic Or chestra, Royal Festival Hall, SE1, 7.30. Jazz-Symphony Christmas Party by the London Symphony stra, Barbican Hall, EC2

Organ recital, Mark Uglow, S Mary Ahbots Church, Kensing too Church Street, W8, 1.05. St Giles Quartet, St Martin-in-the-Fields, 5 St Martin's Place, WC2, 1.05.

Lloyd's Register of Shipping Carol Service, St Olave, Har Street, EC3, 1.

# Talks, lectures

Sarah Walker, mezzo-so-orano, talks to critic Rodney Milnes, Dryburgh Hall, Putney Swimming Pool, Upper Rich-mond Road, Putney, SW15, 8. Museum architecture, by London, 50 Princes Gate, SW7 The Politics of Paradise, hy

Frank Field, Sinn College, Victoria Embankmeot, EC4, 5.30. The Violin - History and Performance, hy Dr Robert Jacoby, Royal Institution, River Street, Truro, 7.30pm.

Scientific Toys - Intuition, Investigation, Speculation, by Professor Dr W Burger, Wolfson Theatre, 22 George Street, Edin-6 Use a comb io an irritating b<del>urgh</del>, 5pm. General RPS Annual Internation

Slide Competition, 1986-87, Methodist Church Hall, Palace Avenue, Paignton, 7.30pm.

# **Anniversaries**

Births: Nero, Roman empero 68-54, Antium, 37; George Romney, painter. Dalton-in Furness, 1734; Niels Finsen Dalton-in physician, Nobel laureate 1903 orshavn, Faeroe Islands

Deaths: Izzac Walton, Win-chester, 1683; Jan Vermeer Delft, 1685: Sitting Ball, chief of the Sioux, killed Grand River, S Dakota, 1890; Wolfgang Paeli physicist, Nobel laureate 1945 Zurich, 1958; Walt Disney, Bur bank, California, 1966.

# Parliament today

management and operation olidated Fund Bill, all stages.

from the ground, they make a musical call, like a few strings of a harp lighly brushed. A few great grey shrikes have crossed the North Sea and settled along the east coast; they sit at the top of hedgerow trees, from which they chase small birds like robins or blue tits. Their prey is often impaled on thorns or barbed wire, and kept till

vanted.

Off the west coast there is a scattering of great northern divers, powerful swimmers with stout beaks, who fish as far as 30 feet below the waves. Along the shore there are many oyster catchers from Iceland; they feed on mussels and limpets, and constantly fly around with wild

pipings. Some honeysuckle plants and primroses are in flower in sheltered woods. Blackbirds are Some long-tailed field mice are storing seeds and hawthorn berries in underground passages; others are moving mio barns and houses. Doornice have grown fat, and are sleeping in subterranean nests DJM

# **Bond winners**

weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000: 20PN 842292 (the winoer lives in Sheffield); £50,000: 30AK 838701 (Leeds), £25,000: 14SF 815018 (West Yorkshire)

# Roads

The Millands: A456; Bevilley bypess The North: A18: Lane closures, sig-road closures between Leven Valley viscout and Crathome interchange, A6: Bridge repairs, diversions in Swinton, Greator Manchaster.

Water and the West: A36: Lane closures both directions at Heldon Hit, between Exister and Plymouth. A38/A358: Abstrations to roundabout at Taumbo, A48: Width restrictions, M4 junction 44 to

Scotlend: A814: resurtacing between reuche and Ladybank junction, delays. 92: Single lane at Montrose, Angus. Motorways page S

# The pound

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ABROAD

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,229

**ACROSS** 

I One-ome temporary accommodation area (6). 4 Secret of coming to grief un-

11 A number with German will

be let in (5). 12 He's demanding cut-back — about to retrench for a start

10 Guerrilla gets rough (9).

13 Repeat scale after a single note (7). 14 Study and travel in Africa

15 Game may leave one cold 18 The market for chessmen?

20 Having got up, using reins (5). 22 Fool on the river, but show 23 Resort to telephone to effect saving (7). 24 Some of those wiotering

25 Letter opening (7). 26 Superior backing an exercise that's not appropriate (5). 27 Antagonises sergeants in mess (9).

28 The whole thing about sol-

1 A sign, plainly visible in it-

2 Coaches without hesitation

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giving ground (7).

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eight o'clock (5-4). 5 They make NEWS! (8,6).

7 Storm about a represectative being extravagant (7). Alternatively draw op in froot of the woman (6).

way? (5).

9 The old king possibly felt rather aged (6,3,5). 16 Start a new life (9). 17 One who resolves to break

down the bowling? (8). A stoppage a hard worker finds very hard (7). 21 A beach - could be English

abroad get put down (5).

promise (6).

The solution of Saturday's **Prize Puzzle** No 17,228 will appear

next Saturday

Commons (2.30): Debate on private Member's motino oc security services. Motion for Christmas adjournment. Cons Lords (2.30): Debate on the Peacock report on the financing

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THE POUND (Change on week)

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# Postman brings a dilemma for Sids

By Richard Lander

One week after trading started in British Gas shares millions of allocation letters go into the post today to individuals who applied for a slice of the £5.6 hillion flotation.

Christmas post permitting the 4.5 million Sids who sent off cheques for the shares will receive their letters tomorrow or on Wednesday. They then face the tricky task of deciding whether to sell or retain the

The choice appears finely balanced as the shares have held up well in their first week of trading. They enter the second week at 63%p, giving an immediate 27.5 per cent return oo investment before dealing costs.

Individual applicants were given the choice of receiving gas bill vouchers from next July, or bonus shares on a onefor-ten basis in three years

According to N M Roth-schild, the merchant bank adviser to the issue, investors choosing the vouchers can expect a 21.6 per cent yield over the first year while those who opted for bonus shares should get an 11.4 per cent return each year until 1989. Banks and stockbrokers have so far been reluctant to

deal for applicants Special dealing rates for small deals are on offer until December 31 at the four brokers to the issue -Cazenove, Hoare Govett, James Capel and Wood Mackenzie — and 19 regional co-ordinating hrokers throughout the country. The four major clearing banks, along with the Bank of Scotland and Ulster Bank, will also offer the same maximum rates

until February 20. The special dealing rates (plus VAT) are as follows: on sales up to £150 - £3, from £151 to £350 - £5, from £351 to £500 - £7; purchases (plus Stamp Duty) up to £350 - £5, from £351 to £500 - £10.

Marketing chief for News Int

Mr Mike Ruda, advertisement director of Times Newspapers, has been appointed group marketing director of News International's newspapers: The Times, The Sunday Times, The Sun and the

News of the World. Mr Ruda, aged 56, has been with Times Newspapers since Mr Rupert Murdoch took over the company in 1981. He was previously advertisement director of The Sun and the News of the World.

Miss Dorothy Cumpsty is to succeed Mr Ruda as advertisement director of Times Newspapers.

Miss Cumpsty has worked for Times Newspapers for five years and is at present deputy advertisement director.

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BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY — Interims: Halma, L. Harris (Harella), Marina Development Group, Mount-leigh Group, Richards. Finals: Rothschild. Finals: Chemring, Kelsey Industries, VI. I ovall

Carlton Communications, Craton Lodge & Knight, English China Clays, Holmes & THURSDAY - Interiors: Bradstock Group, Braithwaite Marchant, Jacqmar, Johnson & Firth Brown, Arthur Lee & Sons, United Scientific Holdings.
TOMORROW — Interims: BSS Group, Hogg Robinson, Imperial Continental Gas, Oceonics Group, Plysu, Proo-

taprint Holdings, Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, Sterling Publishing, Tops Estates, Triplex. Finals: Archimedes Investment Trust, Cardiff Property. Hawtin, Phillip Harris, McCorquodale,

Plaxtons (GB). WEDNESDAY - Interims: British Land, Brookmount, Danae Investment Trust. Kelsey Industries, YJ Lovell, Mecca Leisure, Soundtracs,

Group, Brown & Tawse, ERF (Holdings). Harold Ingram, Loodon Merchant Securities, Marstoo Thompson & Ever-shed. Old Court Currency Fund. Finals: Bankers' Investment Trust, Cifer, Grand Metropolitan, Guinness Peat, Macarthy, Speyhawk, Spice, Watson & Philip.

FRIDAY - Interims: Aim Group, Brasway, Electric & General Investment Co, Fletcher Dennys System, Optometrics (USA), Torchmark, TR Trustees Corp. Wellman. Finals: None announced.

CBI figures best for nine months

# Exports boost for industry

A renewed, export-led bout year, the CBI remaios circum- ensure that our goods reach of pre-Christmas confidence is reported today by the Confed- and emphasizes that in the eration of British Industry.
Orders from overseas for
manufactured goods are at
their best level for nine

The CBI's moothly trends inquiry for December shows that more than 20 per cent of companies regard their export books as above oormal and the organization concludes that the weakening of sterling that occurred during the sum-mer may be at last boosting exports significantly.

But, after the recent select

committee accusation that the Government had made an

spect about prospects for 1987 Service Select Committee, in new survey nearly a third of companies still consider their its highly critical report last week, said that Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, was export order books to be below normal.

Sir Terence Beckett, the director general, described the improvement in business as continuing to be steady but

"The more competitive level of sterling is clearly helping export husiness and offers good prospects for 1987. "There is no magie formula

which will give us a higger share of world markets, however. Success or failure will depend entirely upon our economie policy U-turn which ability to reduce costs, particubalance of payments next good quality products and to

# Retail boom lifts rents to a high

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

central London with traders vying for the best positions, rents rising after the slump in the early 1980s and tourists now the majority of shoppers.

The latest survey of retailing in Oxford Street, Regent Street, Bond Street and Brompton Road, by Hillier Parker, the Chartered surveyor, shows rents rising rap-idly after the trough of 1980-1982. Bond Street and Brompton Road rents are at

record levels. Hillier Parker says that rising real incomes and an increase in tourist spending prompted by the decline of sterling, has accounted for the frenctic activity in the market. Dr Russell Schiller, the

struggle to

reach pact

Geneva (Reuter) - The Opec ministers held intensive,

informal talks yesterday to overcome the problems threatening their plan for driving up world oil prices to \$18 a

barrel and keeping them there.

Delegates to the conference

which adjourned on Saturday

and resumes today, said that

the oil ministers were meeting

in small groups to try to remove obstacles to raising

the price by about \$3 before the end of the month.

The ministers are united in

their desire for an \$18 price,

hut at odds over how much

production they should cut to

The talks are dogged by

rivalry between Iraq and Iran.

the Gulf war adversaries, as well as hy wrangling over statistics to be used to return

the 13-nation group to a take-it-or-leave-it fixed-price sys-tem, abandoned in 1985.

But there was general op-

timism when the talks started

on Thursday that a price-boosting accord would be unveiled in time for the

opening today of the free oil market, which now decides

Ministers say much work

Señor Javier Espinosa

Teran, the Ecuadorean Oil Minister, said he did not

expect rivalry between Iraq

and Iran to block an agree-ment. Iraq wants a production

quota equal to Iran's - which

would mean almost doubling Baghdad's quota. But Iran

has to be done to translate

political will into higher oil

achieve it.

prices. . .

Retailing is booming in firm's head of research, says that Oxford Street is boom "Rents are rising faster than the national average despite the fall in the number of American tourists this summer. Retailers are quening to take space when shops become available."

Half of the shops in the street have changed hands in the last four years. And only one shop in five in central London has the same trader in occupation as 20 years ago.

The boom is resulting in development pressure with much of the activity for new retail space centred around station sites. Large developments planned at underground or British Rail sites total about 1.4 million sq ft.

Looking over the next four months, manufacturers expect output to remain at current levels, with a positive balance of 10 per cent saying volume of production will rise. There is, however, a clear indication of rising prices m the conting months, ....



. By Our City Staff There was every reason to suppose that the new powers taken by the Department of Trade and Industry four weeks ago against insider trad-ing would prove sufficient, said Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Corporate and

Consumer Affairs, yesterday. But he did not rule out the possibility of introducing civil sanctions against insider traders as well as the existing criminal sanctions."I don't close my mind to anything." he said on LWT's Weekend World programme.

He denied suggestions from the other political parties that shortage of resources was hampering successful prosecution of insider trading. He said no prosecution had failed because of a shortage of

Mr Howard said the new powers were far more extenive than those of the Securities and Exchaoge Commission in the United States, where defendants can plead the Fifth Amendment and refuse to answer



Michael Howard: he denied

refusing co-operation can be held in contempt of court or banned from carrying on investment business.

Mr Robin Cook, Labour spokesman on City matters, said the new rules were not sufficiently draconioo because

evade investigation.

a shortage of resources can give evidence. Anyone

hrass plate companies could still close down overnight and

Mr Howard said he did not believe it would be oecessary to extend British law to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, where companies can DTI inspectors can exambe specifically set up to house and Mr Charles Kioe, on oath, people they think the receipts of insider dealing. American financier.

Grand Met's

# shares rise The shares of Grand Metro-

politan, the brewing and leisure conglomerate, rose by 19p to 475p last week ahead of the final figures to be an-nounced on Thursday and on ever-present bid speculation.

The City is expecting pretax profits of about £375 million in the year to end-September, compared with £347.3 million for the previous year. Takeover speculation centres oo the Australian Mr Alan Bond and Mr Charles Knapp, the

Warning on management salaries

# Top pay 'rising too fast'

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

cent in service companies.

It comments: "Although pay

tions were lower this year than

last, maintaining position in

the salary market is still

regarded as all-important."

Managers are being paid Meanwhile, the Top Pay increases that are "far beyond Unit of Incomes Data Services what the economy can bear," says in its latest quarterly Meanwhile, the Top Pay the Hny Management review of executive pay that in Consultants' latest report on junior and middle management posts, company lt warns that wages and profitability and market short-

salaries per unit of output in manufacturing industry are rising far faster in Britain than in competitor countries.

The 8 per cent increases

recorded in Britain compare the last quarter were 7.5 per with 4 per cent in Japan, 3 per cent, down slightly on the cent in West Germany, 1 per previous quarter, with merit cent in Canada and zero in the rises averaging 3 per cent in United States, says the manufacturing and 2.5 per

Hay's forecast is for the current level of pay increases increases for some organiza-to continue by about 6.3 per tious were lower this year than cent for industrial and service last, maintaining position in companies and 7.3 per cent for financial companies.

Incentive payments as a Of the 38 manufacturing proportion of basic salaries companies covered in the re-Of the 38 manufacturing view, five paid higher exec-ative salary rises than a year are rising by 5.4 per cent for clerical/supervisory posts to more than 40 per cent for ago, but 15 paid lower. Companies with bigger increases include Ford and Gillette and directors, says Hay. This compares with a range of 3.2 per cent - 34.8 per cent last year those that are down include and 2.8 per cent - 18.4 per Alcan, Amersham International, Aastin Rover,

Hoechst, Pilkington, Plessey, Tate & Lyle and Vaux Breweries. Eleven service sector salary

reviews out of the 19 reviewed are down on last year and only three are up, says IDS. The ages will be more likely to former include Burton, Centrefile, Grattan, Independent TV, Liverpool Victoria, National Freight, Northern Rock and the Woolwich, and infinence management pay reviews next year rather than expected rises in inflation. Average salary increases for the latter are Friends' Provident, Guardian Royal Exchange and the National

Computing Centre. In a separate review o company car schemes, IDS reports that 92 per cent of directors and 95 per cent of senior managers are issued with vehicles, but only 66 per cent of middle managers. Free petrol, however, is declining, with 67 per cent of all directors receiving this perk against 72

per cent a year ago. A BMW is the favourite car for directors, followed by aMercedes, while Ford remains the market leader for all other categories. Eighteen per cent of directors' cars are now fitted with radio telephones.



Opinion pollster's opinion: Bob Worcester admires his new, major shareholder

# Mori sells 25% stake to 3i

Industry group.

Mori had intended to seek a quotation on the unlisted securities market but changed its mind because of the high costs involved and because the need for external funding be-

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The Treasury and Civil

operating "an obscure mone-tary policy" and gave a warn-ing that the much more rapid

pace of wage rises and unit costs in Britain than in

competitor nations could in-

crease pressure on the ex-

In its last full economie

situation report, the CBI said

also that while sterling's depreciation would benefit ex-

ports, import growth would outstrip that of exports and

the current account would deteriorate and show a deficit

of £2.2 billion next year and in

It reiterated industry's fear

that the poor trade perfor-

mance would bring the pound under increasing pressure, and as the pound declined, infla-

The new survey, covering 1,638 manufacturers, shows

negative balance (the dif-

ference between those report-

ing up and those reporting

down) of only 7 per cent of firms saying that their export

order books are below normal.

This is the best result since

March. In the summer the

negative balance reached 25

Domestic demand appears

to be stable and little changed

from November, with half of

the firms reporting total order books as oormal and a fifth above normal.

tion would rise.

change rate.

came less pressing. Mr Bob Worcester, founder and managing director of Mori, said the sale to 3i cost about one-tenth of the probable costs of n USM flotation.

Market & Opinion Research International (Mori), the leading opinion poll company, has sold 25 per cent of itself to 3i, the Investment In Industry mount

Mori funded two new developments internally this year. It set up Field and Tab. a fieldwork and numbers informatioo service, and bought a 30 per cent stake in Numbers Ltd, a data processing operation. Both are now in the black and do not need more

Mr Worcester is pleased to million. welcome 3i as a major shareholder. He said the market

regarded the group is. The price paid by 3i represents about 15 times prospective earnings, which puts Mori at a slight premium to some other quoted market research

ompanies.

Mr Worcester and his deputy, Mr Roger Stubbs, will retain a 68 per cent stake in the group. Mori has grown very fast in recent years to reach a turnover of £3.5 million and profits of around £1

Opinion polls, for which it is best known, account for about

# Lawson studies plan

for bigger cuts in tax By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

This would compensate the

potential losers from the re-

form less effectively but it

would enable the Government

to make progress towards its objective of bringing down income tax rates, which is

regarded as a political priority.

per during the consultation period which finished at the

beginning of last month have

been narrowly in favour of the

proposed reforms. But there is

concern on a number of points, including the incentive.

Responses to the green pa-

Smaller increases in tax allowances and bigger cuts in the basic rate of income tax are among the options being studied by the Government as

personal taxation. Ministers are considering the responses to the green paper, published at the time of the Budget, which proposed scrapping the existing system of married and single allowances in favour of single transferable allowances.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, is expected to announce firm proposals for

the long-term reform of per-sonal tax in his next Budget. The green paper planned to devote up to £5 billion during the changeover in the system to increasing personal allow-ances so that there were no losers in cash terms from the proposed changes. This was thought necessary so that couples would not lose out if both

for women to take up work outside the home. Under the present system a working wife enjoys the wife's earned income allowance while her husband continues to ohtain the married man's

Among the alternatives being studied is the possibility of using some of this £5 billion to bring down the basic rate of studied by the Government as income tax rather than raising attract oo more allowances part of its planned reform of the geoeral level of than a single-earner couple. Each individual would have

the case of single-earner couples could be transferred between husband and wife. Ooe way of retaining an incentive for both partners to earn would be to adopt mandatory separate taxation giving each individual a tax allowance without making it

continue to regard this option as unacceptable A tax system which did oot recognise the institution of marriage would, they believe, be unique in the Western

world. There is concern also about the efficiency with which the proposed distribution of

# Car-sale record set by Japan

By Our Industrial Correspondent

Japanese car makers are turning their attention away from the American market and focusing once again on Europe, according to a report

DRI Europe, the forecasting group, says that Japanese manufacturers' sales io Europe have soared to an alltime high in the first nine mooths of this year with a rise in volume of more than 22 per cent and a market share of

more than 12 per cent compared with only 10.6 per cent for the whole of 1985.

This takes the Japanese to third position in the European sales league for the first time behind Volkswagen of West Germany and Italy's Fiat,

The sharp appreciation of the yen against the dollar appears to be the chief cause of Japan's recewed interest in Europe. This has already sparked criticism from local manufacturers and European Commission officials and the Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) has imposed a volume.

untary restraint on car exports to the Common Market. DRI, which forecasts that total car sales in western Europe this year will reach an all-time high of 11.3 million and remain flat oext year, says the new Japanese success has occurred mainly in West Germany, where sales volumes have riseo by 32 per cent in

the first nine months. After heated negotiations in Japan between MITI and the Japanese Automobile Manusapanese Automobile Mainfacturers Association (JAMA), exports to the EEC were set at 1.1 million for 1986 — 11 per cent up on 1985.

Significantly, the level excludes the car kits exported

from Japan to Nissan's oew assembly plant at Washingtoo, Tyne and Wear, although these cars are included in the gentleman's agreement which restricts Japanese imports to about 11 per cent of the British market. It is also expected that the Honda Ballade and Legend assembled by Rover in Britain

# TOYOTA

will also not be included in the

DRI says: "Thus the quotas will favour Nissan more than Toyota which has been challenging it for leadership in Europe.
"While Toyota has not made public its future plans in

Europe it is likely that they will respond to the Nissan and Honda challenge." DRI World Automotive Re-port, DRI Europe, 30, Old Queen Street, London SWIH

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# Wall St optimists ignore realities

From Maxwell Newton, New York

The US economy continues to weaken. Retail sales figures for October and November averaged \$121.9 billion (£85.3 billion) a mouth, down by 1 per cent on the third-quarter

With these figures it is unlikely that the country will record any measurable growth in the fourth quarter. This contrasts with the forecasts of the "Wall Street Pollyannas," who are talking of 3 to 4 per cent growth in the final

Some of these hopefuls are pinning their optimistic fore-casts on a sudden improvement in the balance of trade. But the figures released last week showed the US foreign trade deficit, when measur on a balance-of- payments basis, was a record \$37.7

The only movement of significance in third-quarter trade figures was a 21 per cent rise in the volume and n 5 per cent rise in the value of US

farm exports.
This was due to the implementation of the Food Security Act, which provides bage hidden subsidies to the export of farm products. Imports in the third quarter were up 2 per

It is now recognized by US

OTHER STERLING RATES

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

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1.9672-1.9700
3.2658-3.2703
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10.9142-10.9290
1.0618-1.0625
2.8810-2.8852
214.06-214.92
1995.63-2001.31
10.8442-10.8293
4.651-9.4771
9.9513-9.9644
232.69-233.07

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officials that the country will have to maintain a huge balance-of-payments deficit for years, if only because the alternative - a real, deter-mined US effort to balance the overseas payments on current account — would plunge the

world into recession.

While central banks try to forestall the fail of the dollar by buge dollar purchases and the Fed tries to prevent n recession by massive additions to the reserves of the system, there is a tremendous build-up of liquidity. Adjusted reserves of the US banking system are showing an annual increase of nbox 20 per cent, much higher than the contract of th than the peaks of less than 10 per cent recorded since 1960.

This money is being used to fuel a boom in financial assets and debt. It is not being used for productive purposes.

A speculation has been established, financed by central bank money, that has all the hallmarks of n potential

Spinners, created just over American losing their spending enthu-siasm. There are already sev-eral reports to indicate that the Christmas season is mediocre nt best. With consumers providing the entire support for GNP growth in 1986, this is an ominous pointer for 1987.

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**DOLLAR SPOT RATES** 

### four years ago from a factory bought from the receivers, which has gone from a spinners is that natural fibres £500,000 turnover in its first appear to be coming back into year to £4 million this year. ogue, he added. Victoria Spinners is also taking trade from India and Bangladesh in overseas mar-

Its original workforce of 35 has grown to 127 as the company fought back against MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

of the jute industry until

decline set in during the

sixties, is seeing the emergence

of a new future for at least some of its last few jute

The Scottish centre, which

once boasted a workforce of 30,000 engaged in jute weav-

ing and spinning, has seen the closure recently of its last

weaving factory. But there are

still four spinners operating

One of them is Victoria

Dundee, the thriving centre

kets which now account for a fifth of the company's turnover. Having increased spend-ing on new finishing machinery the company is also diversifying into ooe new product, a lubricated polypropylene rope core for steel clad lift cables.

cheap spun jute imports from The company is run essent-India and Bangladesh. Mr John Gibson, the comially by two people, Mr Mark McClelland, the managing director, who has long experi-ence in jute and flax produc-tion, while Mr Gibson is an pany secretary, said: "It looks as if the situation is now stabilizing. Dundee spinners are offering a product of consistent quality which is being used to belp produce quality British carpets woven

Revival in

the jute

heartland

**EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %** 

BULLION

TREASURY BILLS

Applicts: E411M alloted: £100M Blds: £97.34% received: £8% Last week: £10.6521% last wt £10.6562% Next week: £100M replace £100M

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485.00 (£339.85 )

\$ 5.370-5.390 (£3.760-3.775 )

Mr Gibson said: "We are running virtually at full capacity and have introduced dou-ble shift working. The demand from a mixture of jute and for high quality carpets is coming mainly in the contract sector, supplying hotels, office What is also helping the jute blocks and so on. But the biggest prospect for further growth we see is in increasing sales on the Continent.

# French sell aluminium subsidiary

By Our Industrial

Pechiney of France, the world's third largest aluminium producer, has sold its Kave extrusions subsidiary, with twin bases at Doncaster and Enfield, Middlesex, to a management buy-out team in a £4 million deal.

The oew company, Kaye Aluminium, will be led by Mr John Hargreaves, productioo director, and Mr Neil Paddon-Smith, sales director.

Mr Tony Taylor, who holds the chair at Meta Machines, an Oxford robotics maker, is

Also on the board is Mr Richard Hargreaves, manag-ing director of Baronsmead, the venture capital company which led the syndicate behind the buy-out, its second

The syndicate also includes (Investors In Industry), and Standard Chartered Bank. Kaye plans to build on its

specialization in aluminium extrusions such as door and window profiles for the building industry. This sector is growing at 3 to 5 per cent a

Mr Paddon-Smith said: We are aiming at profits before tax in excess of £1 million by 1990."

The Doncaster factory em-ploys 170, while Enfield has a sales team of 20.

# caught in a time warp The pace of change in cor-

Accountancy

Plight of the auditor: a

His client and paymaster, porate life and the growing complexity of business has the company's management, too often views the auditor as a necessary evil. He is 100 caught the accountancy prointrusive, too expensive and pokes his nose in where it is fession on the back foot.

The statutory requirements for audits have changed little over the years. Auditing technot wanted. Many clients see no benefit in all this checking and begrudge the auditor his fee. niques have changed a lot.
But critics, inside and out-The auditor's response to side the profession, argue that pressures on his profits has the profession's conception of been to concentrate on ways the scope and purpose of the to reduce his costs. audit is stuck in financial pre-

Because the auditor has no history. statutory duty to report on a business's viability, a com-pany might be in serious financial difficulty or even The auditor still sees his role in terms of the require-ments of the Companies Act, but the statutory require-ments are minimal. They fail within months of receiving a clean bill of bealth by its define the auditor's duty as auditor. Yet lenders, especially the banks, rely beavily on audited financial ensuring that financial statements are prepared in ac-cordance with the books of account, and that they give n true and fair view of the statements when making

And among shareholders and other users of financial company's affairs. But "true and fair" does not statements, there is a wideimply anything about viabilspread complaint that the auditor avoids any direct ity. One audit partner of a big accountancy firm said: "If we were asked to comment on the viability of a company, many of my partners would be horrified." assessment of management's performance and checks only the addition of others.

Challenged on all sides, the cornered auditor pleads that he is a victim of the "expectanot require the auditor to tion gap." fulfil any of these functions. The extent of the mis-understanding between what the auditor per-It does not require companies to have proper systems of controls, nor does it require

ceives his duty to be and what the profession to report on a company's adequacy. users of financial statements expect of him appears to be And the auditor has always viewed his role from within the statutory framework. Among the objectives com-

monly ascribed to the audit • The detection and preven-

D ity the poor auditor. He is under attack oo all

such as the Department of

Trade and Industry and the

Office of Fair Trading.

fronts, and not just

government bodies

tion of fraud. · Giving an assurance that the company is financially

 Giving an opinion on management efficiency. Giving an opinion on the system of comrois. • Certifying that financial

Statements are accurate.
One survey found that the employees of a company believed the audit was for the benefit of the management rather than for the shareholders or creditors.

The Companies Acts does

property portfolio.

redeveloped site.

yesterday the venture was

victim of expectation moved forward. In the 1950s. when the more senior of today's pariners were in training the usual technique was for the auditor to choose a month and check it.

This is the so-called transactions audit, where individual transactions are checked. At a petrol station, such a test would check that a customer who bought a gallon of petrol got a gallon.

In the 1960s, there was a move towards the systems-based audit. This tests con-trols rather than individual transactions. In the example of the petrol station, this would involve examining the valves and calibration inside the petrol pump to ensure it delivered no more and no less than a gallon of petrol.

owever, at that time, the introduction of - the computer-assisted audit began. This allows the auditor to check transactions by devising programmes that will interrogate his clients'

Until now, the computerassisted audit has been confined to larger clients, but the advent of the microprocessor is permitting it to spread to smaller clients.

A growing number within the professioo argue that the auditor should widen the scope of the audit report beyond the financial statements, and direct his report to users other than sharehold-ers. The profession ought to be more strenuous over the debate on whether the auditor should take on the responsibility of reporting on systems, although there is no

"The scope of the audit is legal requirement to do so. pathetic compared with what the investor needs," says Mr Nigel MacDonald, senior Two recent cases of business failure, Johnson Matth-Bankers and De Lorean Motor Company, have raised questions as to whether the auditor should not have a wider duty to report his doubts about the conduct and viability of a husioess.

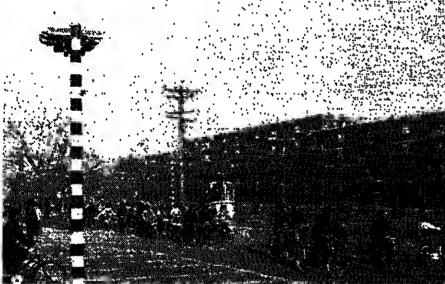
Mr MacDonald believes the profession needs to become

"Auditors have been given a State monopoly...and they must do it io the public interest or they will lose it."

Carol Ferguson

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part of BT's private lines to

check that a circuit is in full

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Plessey is also currently

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China extends over 25 years. An audience estimated at 350 million saw them, together with the first instalment of the BBC natural history series 'The Living Isles, which Plessey sponsored.

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The Plessey relationship with the People's Republic of

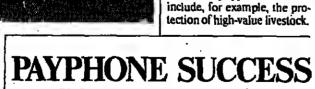
control systems for Beijing.

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The equipment replaces BTs traditional methods of circuit testing by using microprocessor



every country in South East Asia. In a six-month concerted marketing effort, Plessey has rung up payphone sales worth more than £2 million. Plessey believes it will the local currency and Hong

Kong dollars.

increase its market share in the area, because no other company in the world has such advanced payphone technology.

In the Far East, Plessey payphones offer some facilities which are not available from ordinary telephones - such as direct long-distance and international dialling, as well as the ability to accept payment in cash, by credit card or by prepaid debit card.

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# BASE LENDING RATES

Woolworth links

with Rosehaugh

Woolworth Holdings has initially looking at a handful formed a joint venture with Rosehaogh, the property of schemes where the existing Woolworth stores were group, to boost the income overspaced. from a number of properties Rosehaugh, through its

partner at Ernst & Whinney.

He questions wbether au-

dited accounts are produced

frequently enough, and

vhether several months after

"Information technology

can increase the frequency

and the timeliness of the audit, but the profession is

not thinking about it. There is

no conceptual anticipation;

instead, we are providing a

product which was asked for several generations ago."
This is oot to suggest that

the year end is timely.

in Woolworth's £700 million subsidiary Shearwater Property Holdings, will take a percentage of the completed The venture allows Woolvalue as a project manage-roent fee. Mr Geoffrey worth to retaio the profits from any redevelopment of Woolworth stores' sites and gives it first refusal to re-Bradman, chairman of Rosehaugh, said the propoccupy all or part of the erties involved were some of the best retail properties Mr Nigel Whittaker, cor-porate affairs director, said

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Turnover	81,181	59,426
Profit before Tax	1,909	1,545
Profit after Tax	1,719	1,479
Retained Profit	1,419	1,329
Shareholders' Funds	6,730	5,120
Earnings per share	5·73p	4.93p
Net dividend per Share	1·00p	0.50p

Note: The gross profit for the year has been calculated in accordance with standard Note: The gross profit to by including profits on both dealing and holding positions.

Valuations of all Pully Listed, USM and OTC positions are therefore based on middle Valuations of an every section, some one or positions have only been included where confirmed by substantial realisations. The effect of the change in valuation policy has been to reduce profits for 1985 by £192,000 and include holding profits

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PLESSEY

The height of high technology

# USM REVIEW Impressive figures from Sloanes' wallpaper firm This has been a week for ones the increase of the state of th

household names on the USM. One of the best known tle, the Kings Road, Chelsea, manufacturer of fabrics and wallpapers, much beloved by Sloane Rangers and yuppies for their marbled, rag-rolled and dragged designs.

The company originally came to the market in March last year at a placing price of 140p. The price climbed to 200p on the first day of dealings then did nothing for about a year while the earnings caught up with the rating. Since summer, however, the share price has moved up 50 per cent to 300p.

The company this week unveiled another set of excellent figures for the first half of the financial year. Pretax profits rose by 25 per cent to £508,000 after taking out startup costs in the United States

of \$165,000 Evaluation States

Two years on, the American side should be contributing as

companies is Osborne & Lit- entirely attributable to the continuing success of the original business where the number of ranges io wallpapers and fabrics has expanded considerably and has been

boosted by a move into bed linen and carpets.
The move into the US is

seen by the company as the real springboard for expansion over the next three years. A showroom was opened in New York in June and agents have been appointed in 12 principal

These developments will not contribute to profit this financial year although the hurden of start-up costs has been carried in the first half. of £165,000. Excluding these much as the British, but for second management huyout

would have been 66 per cent. (£1.24 million) looks achievThe growth in profits is able leaving the shares on a month — Ashtead Plant Hire and smaller Institution of Electronic and Radio Ena 35 per cent tax charge.

The other household name featuring this week was Hornby Group, the toy manufacturer, whose products include Scalextric and Thomas the Tank engines.

The company was originally part of Dunbee Combex Marks, the toy firm which weot into receivership in 1981. Hornby, backed by a number of venture capital funds, was a management buyout at that time and after four years of stringent cost controls and vigorous product development, profits have recovered strongly in the last two years,

The company is now coming to the USM to enable further development of the husiness. This makes it the

Profits for Hornby are forecast to rise to £505,000 (£271,000) and given the high level of dependence on the Christmas trade it must be assumed that this is conservative.

The shares have been placed on a multiple of 11.4 times. Although this is cheaper than the comparable Bluebird toys, it must be said that Bluebird's products display greater flare and originality.

It is, however, a welcome sign of the revival in the British toy manufacturing in-dustry that there are now at least two profitable quoted companies on the market.

Isabel Unsworth The author is a member of the small companies' unit at Phillips & Drew

# ( GILT-EDGED )

# High-risk policy draws on Lawson's lucky streak.

he Bank of England is clearly in the husiness of presenting monetary policy in the best of all lights in its latest Quarterly

Bulletin.
The claim that monetary conditions in Britain are under control is certainly news to a gilts market which has been retreating for some time in the face of growing fears about where monetary policy was heading. Sterling M3 has been regarded as an irredeemable case for some time, but there have been growing fears that MO is about to join it on the problem list.

Certainly the Bank line was at odds with the House of Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee, which last week launched a pretty wide-ranging attack on monetary policy. "Obscure" was the term the committee chose to describe Mr Lawson's strategy.

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This seems unfair. The hancelior has set out a very clear monetary strategy. He has said on numerous occasions that he is prepared, for a variety of reasons, to tolerate the rapid build-up in liquidity which high £M3 growth has implied. Instead he will watch for any sign that this liquidity is breaking out into spending by monitoring M0. He will also monitor the currency markets for any indication that excess liquid-ity may be breaking out through the exchange rate.

Official policy is thus ooe of containment, the argument being that excess liquidity in the economy is not in itself particularly dangerous. it is instead what people might do with this liquidity that could pose problems. This is not an obscure monetary policy. It is, however, very high risk.

Policy is taking risks at several levels. The most basic one is that the chosen indicators of potential problems - M0 and the exchange rate - either will not work or will not work in time.

The argument for MO, for example, is that when people intend to spend they will typically obtain extra cash from the bank, pushing up MO. It thus gives early warning of any surge in spending which might either threaten inflation or threaten to suck imposses in and thus his the imports in and thus hit the balance of payments. It is more than plausible to suggest, however, that spending has already surged this year hut that MO failed to give any real warning.

Consumer spending has risen in cash terms by 9 per



Nigel Lawson: consumer spending causing concern

a basically flat trend in cent or so in 1986, a staggering figure when put alongside manufacturing output. Little wonder, therefore, that the markets have become so edgy about the current account outlook. MO, even so, has only just begun to give any indication of problems, having previously stayed towards the bottom of its official target range.

These problems in inter-preting the monetary data might have been avoided if the Chancellor had instead taken note of what retail sales, industrial production and the trade figures were doing this summer. Unfortunately such ideas still seem to be regarded as dangerously subversive in Treasury circles. Even so, the authorines do seem to be showing concern at why M0 provided such poor early warnings of the imhalaoce hetween spending and output within the economy.

ne of the reasons has been the dramatic continuous growth in consumer credit. In the cosy world of the Treasury, if someone wants to buy something they acquire the cash from the bank, which triggers a rise in MO. In reality, however, they are more likely 10 use credit - often a credit card - to finance the transaction. Such spending fails to show up in MO.

To be fair to the Treasury, the expansion in consumer credit does seem to be both more rapid and more long-lived than most expected. Credit controls were lifted in 1982 and a large, one-off adjustment might have been expected. Credit has, in contrast, kept oo growing This year consumer credit out-standing has been showing an annual growth rate of some-thing like 14 per cent.

As the Department of Trade and Industry notes, a high proportion of this growth in consumer credit is credit cards and much of this debt is repaid within a month. The use of such cards reflects new methods of payment rather than any real expansion in credit. Even so, this does not get away from the point that M0 is giving the Chancellor a misleadingly low "read" on what is going on in the economy.

Further, even adjusting for this particular distortion in the figures, there is no ignor-ing the fact that consumer credit is growing rapidly enough to cause concern. The debt to income ratio for the household sector is approachless than 45 per cent in 1980.

More importantly, interest payments will probably account for 7.3 per cent of total net household income next year, up from just 5.1 per cent in 1983. The consumer sector

sitive to interest rate changes as it becomes more highly No one is suggesting that the personal sector is going to

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collapse under the weight of all its credit. There are, however, serious potential problems at the margin.

In what may prove to have been a very significant move. Brian Quinn of the Bank of England last week noted "certain signs of growing distress by borrowers who have overstrained themselves, attracted by the greater availability of credit and easier terms".

This sits oddly with the Bank's breezy optimism in the Quarterly Bulletin, but it is a very clear signal to lenders that the Bank now considers some lending policies, particularly in the con-sumer area, to be bordering on the imprudent. It also looks very like the "moral suasion" tactics so popular with authorities before the cra of "competition and credit control" and could, potentially, develop into an attempt to moderate the pace of monetary growth without higher interest rates.

e are, however, still a long way off that yet. Instead, putting the tone of the Bulletin alongside all the statistical fog surrounding the monetary indicators, leads to the conclusion that it seems unlikely that the serious problems in monetary policy will push the Chancellor into base rate increases. The monetary aggregates are supposed to give advance notice of problems. Mr Lawson is ignoring these warnings and instead waiting until the damage is

For the Chancellor to ignore the signs coming from consumer credit growth and spending trends at the moment is clearly a high-risk strategy, but then the Chancellor has shown a penchant for risky manoeuvres since the beginning. So far, he has proved lucky — as important an attribute in chancellors as it is in generals. The big danger in the new year has to be the exchange rate, but with the opinion polls improving and rising sentiment in the oil market, the best bet may well be that the Chancellor will prove lucky again.

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# **Engineers** groups agree to merger

By Derek Harris Industrial Editor

The powerful Institution of gineers (IERE) have agreed a merger which will create the largest professional engineering organization.

An announcement is also imminent about a merger beween the Royal Aeronautical Society and the Society of Licensed Aircraft Engineers and Technologists. It is under-stood agreement on this has been reached. Merger talks have also

started among a number of other learned societies for rional eng There are still nearly 50

engineering bodies despite several mergers in the past few years.
The IEE-IERE union fol-

lows a members' vote which was 97 per cent in favour of the

The IEE title will be retained when the new body is formally created in October 1988 and its first president is expected to be Mr Bryce McCrirrick, director of en-gineering at the BBC and a senior figure in hoth

The combined membership of the new body will be more than 100,000, nearly a quarter of them living overseas.

Until now the largest engineering body has been the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE) but the IEE, which has just under 90,000 members, has been drawing

Mr Howard Losty, sec-retary of the IEE, said: "This will create a new unity and a strong single voice for the electrical and electronics engineering profession. It will enable us to tackle more readily professional updating with continuing education becoming more important as technology moves so fast." technology moves so fast."

The move was welcomed by Dr Kenneth Miller, director general of the Engineering Council, which has been cocouraging mergers among the professional bodies coocentrating on the smaller organizations.

The last big merger in the profession was of the munici-pal engineers with the Institu-tion of Civil Engineers, the oldest engineering institution. The civils, mechanicals, electricals and the Institution of Chemical Engineers are the big four among the pro-fessional engineering bodies.

A projected merger between the mechanicals and the Institution of Production En-gineers recently fell through.

# COMMENT

# Crisis? What crisis this crisis month?

he Government has done its best to create a seasonal atmosphere this year. The Chancellor played Santa with public spending in his autumn statement. The combination of hefty real income rises and easy credit has spelled boom-time for the coo-sumer. And last week the Bank of England wrapped up a glowing view on the ecooomy to put in the Treasury's

But missing all this goodwill, with nose stuck against the pane, is the poor pound. The foreign exchange markets have got it into their heads that – like in 1983, 1985 and 1986 – there is going to be a January sterling crisis in 1987.

The reasoning behind this view, put at its most scientific, is that what has happened before is bound to happen again. True, there are other reasons why sterling might be expected to be vulnerable.

A lot of money is sloshing around in the economy. Broad money, sterling M3, is growing at more than 18 per cent a year. And that broad money has to go somewhere, despite the October speech by the Governor of the Bank of England, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, in which he listed everything one needed to know for ignoring sterling M3.

And, despite the debate over precise numbers, there is near unanimity on the outlook for the balance of payments. Next year will see the current account in deficit for the first time since 1979, if things have not deteriorated sufficiently in the past few weeks for 1986 to get there first.

The January 1983 sterling jitters occurred in spite of a comfortable Tory lead in the opinion polls. History could repeat itself as the general election

ooked at a little closer, all these potential reasons for a January sterling crisis begin to lose a little force. Let us start with the excess mooey growth argument, taking the figures for sterling M3 at face value. It is true that these paint a picture of broad mooey growth which is substantially higher than in the other major economies.

Broad money growth of almost 20 per cent looks bad when set against an average for the other major economies of 10 per cent. But - even if one accepts that relative rates of money supply growth determine exchange rates, as under the old London Business School international mooetarist view - this does not mean that the pouod needs to fall immediately by 10 per cent or more.

The point is that past money supply growth should already be in the exchange rate, and so only future growth matters. The evidence, albeit tentative, is of some slowing in the rate of broad mooey growth, implying an easing of the downward pressure on sterling.

Similarly, there is some confusion about the link between the current account and the exchange rate.

current account has been in the market since August, when the National Institute predicted a 1987 current account deficit of £6 billion. There is no reasoo for further sterling weakness, as these moothly current account deficits reveal themselves.

Capital flows, particularly short-term ones, dominate exchange rate movements. Britain has had a weak exchange rate with a strong current account position, as in 1985. The United States has had a strong dollar alongside an atrocious current account deficit.

But these capital flows could easily move against sterling, despite the high level of interest rates in London as we enter the hypothetical crisis period, if political sentiment shifts.

The markets have been in election mode since before the Chancellor's autumn statement in early November. The main factor has been the positioo of the main parties in the opinioo polls.

The Conservatives now have a slender lead which could, it must be admitted, disappear. But it could just as easily get bigger. It may be that the political element is overstated. It is a convenient catch-all explanation that sterling movements may be caused by a variety of factors. Germany has a general election in January and the mark does oot appear to have been greatly affected.

And oil? Just as the importance of oil in the British economy is beginning to decline, so we must begin to move away from the view of the pound as petro-currency. The fall in world oil prices clearly played a part in the fall of the pound.

Sterling, however, showed itself relatively immune from the late summer strengthening of oil prices from \$10 to \$15 a barrel.

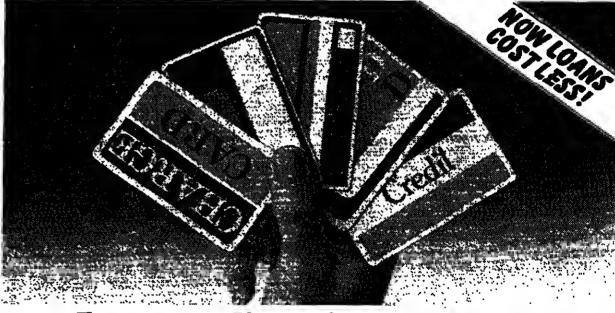
Despite all this, the possibility of a January crisis has to be recognized. What should the Chancellor do about it? The first thing is to prevent Mrs Thatcher from giving any interviews on sterling and the economy. Her last ooe, when she suggested that the ecocomy was not strong enough to put the pound in the European Monetary System, did no good at all.

The authorities should be able to refine their sterling defence tactics. A combinatioo of intervention in the foreign exchange markets and in the money markets - allowing money market rates to rise but easing the pressure on the banks to raise base rates by direct lending - could go most of the

And if any currency storm is to be temporary, sterling could be allowed to take the strain temporarily. Crisis? No Crisis.

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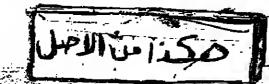
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# EMS 'is likely to be realigned'

By Our City Staff

A realignment in the European Monetary System is forecast for early next year by International Financial Outlook, a mo othly publication by Lloyds Bank

Although the EMS system has had a more settled appearance this month, the realignment may come in February after the West German general

election, Lloyds believes. The Danish krone and Belgian and French franc have all been under pressure.

A realignment would hold np West German interest. 2146,000 Aspect Bergy 12166 I loude save haforn and 121m ASD rates, Lloyds says, before an expected fall in 1987.

A weak performance by the US economy in the first quarter of 1987 is likely to lead

A weak performance.

A weak performance is a second to a further half point cut in the discount rate there. The poorer performance will follow 3 per cent growth in the fourth quarter this year, Lloyds expects.

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firms and individuals to bring forward spending, which will account in part for the down-turn in performance.

Later next year US interest rates will turn upwards as the dollar cootinues its slide to DM1.75 and Yen 150 by the end of September.

In a separate article, the Lloyds publication points out that while the City of London plays an important role in international finance, the relative size of its home base is shrinking as the British economy slips down the world league table.

Japanese equities are worth 21/2 times as much as British and those on American stock exchanges seven times as much, Mr Christopher Johnson, chief economic adviser,

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1,840,000 Chow He says the London domestic corporate bond market has practically dried up with only \$11 billion outstanding as high interest rates have deterred borrowers. In contrast, the American corporate bond market is worth \$740 billion and the Japanese about half

However, London leads the world in international bank loans, albeit with the London Euromarket dominated by Japanese banks, and the Eurobond market is expanding

quieter linear motor train, large-capacity thyristor and monorail car.

# <u>THE TIMES MONDAY DECEMBER 15 1</u> China cultivates computer industry

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From Stephen Leather Hong Kong

Ching is setting up its own version of IBM. The country's computer industry is being linked under an umbrella organization to be called the China Development Corpora-

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By David Smith issuing bonds. **Economics Correspondent** tain pressure on the United States for the removal of the Cataloguany

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The system, which taxes foreign companies on the basis of their worldwide earnings, threatens British companies who have American operations.

Of the 12 states with unitary tax legislation in operation, most have taken steps to withdraw it. The latest was California, in September. However, the Treasury and

Inland Revenue are not yet convinced that enough progress has been made. The Government will announce this week that it is to

retain the option of tit-for-tat taxation of US companies operating in Britain. it had originally set a deadline of the end of this year for retaliatory action, under section 54 of the 1985 Finance Act. As a result of moves in

California and other states, no retaliatory action will be taken against American companies for the present. But the fact that the Government is to persevere with section 54 pressure on US companies indicates that the battle is far from over.

Leading British companies, through the Unitary Tax Cam-paign and the CBI, have fought against unitary

Although there is some relief among such companies that this type of taxation is slowly being withdrawn, there is some dissatisfaction with

In particular, companies wishing to obtain exemption from unitary taxation in California will have to pay a substantial fee for electing to The Unitary Tax Campaign

has urged the Chancellor to retain the threat of section 54 retaliation.

# £125m spree

The Prodential Corporation estimates it will have spent £125 million on buying estate agencies by the end of the year. About 20 per cent will be in shares, with the rest in cash.

### Law Report December 15 1986 Britain to Undertaking not a keep up pressure promissory note on US tax

Lord Justice Neill [Judgment November 28]

A document containing an undertaking by the signatory to repay a loan by a certain date was not a promissory note within the meaning of section 83 of the Bills of Exchange Act 1882. It was merely a receipt for money containing the terms on which the money was to be

which the money was to be repaid.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the defendant, Mrs Pauline Bradley, from a decision of Mr Assistant Recorder Whiteman given in Bristol County Court on August 19, 1985 after the hearing of an action brought by the plaintiffs, Mr and Mrs Terry Claydon.

The assistant recorder had held that a document signed by the defendant which stated "received from Mr and Mrs T. Claydon the sum of £10,000 as a loan to be paid back in full by

loan to be paid back in full by July I, 1983 with an interest rate

of 20 per cent per annum" was a promissory note.
Section 83 of the 1882 Act provides: "(1) A promissory oote is an unconditional promise in writing made by one person to another signed by the maker, engaging to pay, on demand or at a fixed or determinable future time, a sum certain in money to, or to the order of, a specified person or to

The defendant in person; Mr James Wigmore for the plaintiffs.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the only issue on the appeal was whether the documeet was a promissory note within the meaning of section 83 of the 1882 Act. The plaintiffs accepted that if the document was not a promissory note then their claim failed.

In Williamson v Rider ([1963] I QB 89) the Court of Appeal had to consider a document in the following terms "In consideration of the loan of £100 from ... i ... agree to repay to ... the sum of £100 on or before

December 31, 1956".

The majority of the court.
Lord Justice Willimer and Lord
Justice Danckwerts, held that
the document could not be a promissory note within the meaning of section 83 because the words "on or before Decem-ber 31, 1956" gave the payer an option to repay on any day of his choosing before December 31, 1956, and so, in the view of the majority, there was no uncondi-tional promise to pay at a fixed

future time as required by section 83. Lord Justice Ormerod dis-sented; he agreed that the words "on or before December 31, 1956" imported that if the payer chose, it being purely a matter for him, to pay at an earlier date than December 31, 1956 theo

Claydon v Bradley

Before Lord Justice Dillon,
Lord Justice Stephen Brown and
Lord Justice Neill

the holder of the bill was under
an obligation to accept that
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held that there was a fixed date for payment, namely December 31, 1956 and that the promissor had bound himself to pay on

that date and could be sued if be failed. The decision of the majority in Williamson r Rider was rejected and the dissenting judgment of Lord Justice Ormerod was preferred by the Supreme Court of Canada in John Bur-rows Ltd v Subsurface Surveys Ltd ((1968) 68 DLR (2d) 354) and by the High Court of Ireland in Creative Press Ltd v Horman

([1973] IR 313).

In Byles on Bills of Exchange
25th edition (1983) p18, the
editors submitted that the
dissenting view of Lord Justice
Ormerod was 10 be preferred to that of the majority and that was also the tenor of an article in

((1962) 25 MLR 593). In the present case the time for payment was bound to arrive; the money was payable on July 1, 1983 if it had not been repaid, at the option of the payer, before, Nonetheless, their Lordships were bound by the decision of the majority in Williamson v Rider and therefore held that the document signed by the defendant was not

a promissory note.
In Akhar Khan v Attar Singh
([1936] 2 All ER 545), a decision
of the Privy Council, it was beld that a particular document was merely a deposit receipt, setting out the terms on which an advance had been made, and

not a promissory note.

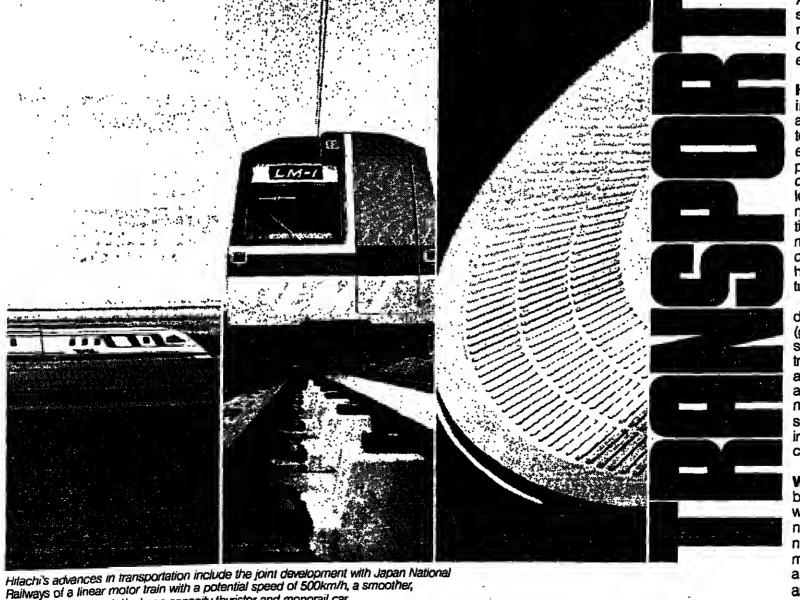
The question there was one of stamp duty and involved consideration of the Indian Negotiable Instruments Act 1881. By that Act a promissory strument in writing containing ao unconditional undertaking signed by the maker to pay a certaio sum of money only to, or to the order of, a certain person or to the bearer of the in-

strument.
In considering whether the document before them in Akbar Khan v Attar Singh was a promissory note, the Judicial Committee took the broad ground that that document was oot, and could oot have been intended to be brought withio a definition relating to documents which were to be negotiable instruments; the document was merely a receipt for money containing the terms oo which it was to be repaid. That approach was directly applicable, in his Lordship's judgment, to the present case,

The document in the present case was no more than a receipt for money containing the terms oo which the money was to be repaid. It was not a promissory note within the meaning of the 1882 Act

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The transfer of the second second

By Peter Dixon

Midlands

Ignore the scoreline, il flatters to deceive. For in almost every aspect this is one game which will not trouble the memory

bank.

With the two sides mustering 13 internationals between them—all of them with plenty to prove and a great deal to play for—the match at Gosforth's County Ground was pitifully short on quality. Far from highlighting the skills of some of England's leading players it served only to draw attention to a number of their deficiencies. a number of their deficiencies. in terms of the Thorn-EMI divisional championship, a vic-tory for the North against London at Sudbury next week will secure them the trophy. Therefore, if they succeed, their ich will have been until job will have been welt done. But for the England selectors, dependent on these matches as a way of assessing form for the internationals ahead and, more importantly, the World Cup, there has been little to suggest n sudden change in fortune is around the corner.

Most disappointing from England's point of view was the distinct lack of imagination in the backs. The North came into the match with a reputation for playing open, running rugby. With a line including Andrew, Simms, Underwood and Harrison, internationals all, that is only to be expected.

Yet although Harrison opened the proceedings by run-ning the ball back from deep inside his own half in the first few minutes, the threequarters on both sides became bogged down in a morass of mediocrity. Crab-like runs — 10 paces across the field for every two forward — were the order of the

Many of the problems stemmed from the churning, one-paced play in the forwards. Neither side seemed able to provide crisp, sharp ball from the scrum or lineouts and only Richards, the Midlands and Leicester No. 8, can be said to have enhanced his reputation and inked himself into the England team. By contrast, Winterbottom was a shadow of his former self, conspicuous by

his anonymity. As is so often the case, the game was dominated by the kickers. On that front Andrew proved once again how valuable his boot is to any team as he landed five penalties and a dropped goal. Hodgkinson was in equally fine form for the Midlands, his four penalties bringing the half-time-score level at 12-12.

Five minutes into the second the first time in the match. Wells rolling off a maul touched down in the right-hand corner, Hodgkinson missed the conversion. But two more penalties and a try by Simpson, standing off a maul near the Midlands line, in injury time provided the hosts with a victory they just about deserved. It was not a good day for the selectors.

SCORERS: North: Try: Simpson. Penatileas: Andrew (5). Dropped goet: Andrew (6). Dropped goet: Andrew. Midlande: Try: Wells. Penatileas: Hodgkinson (4).
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Referee: L Pridesux (Cornwall).

THORN EMI DIVISIONAL

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE A

**WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS** 

MCEWAN'S SCOTTISH CHAMPIONSHIP North Midlands 7 Edinburgh South 34 Anglo-Scots

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LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Cab pasteles: Ann 35, Chobham Ø, Banbury 6, Oxford OB 4; Bancroft 0, O Kingburana 15; Basingstoka 15, London Irish Wad Geese 6; Biggfeawade 23, Bishop's

Masters Webb's demonstration of English solidity. drives on South-West

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent ast season.

They also took the better lineout ball; Rose fought a Bristol hotel overnight. . . valiant battle but the South-West's decision to group all To what extent the Thorntheir tall men together, or to EMI divisional championship matches sway the minds of the use Morrison at the short lineouts, was entirely effective national selectors will not be and reduced Colclough to known until after the final ehampionship round, next weekend. But it will be surprising, in view of the uncertainty which has surrounded the position, if the name of Jon Webb does not come up for discussion at full anonymity. The result of such superior-

ity was enhanced by the performance of Egerton, the No. 8 who, if he has had to put up with dire back problems this year, at least comes fresh to the fray now. He excelled in lineout and loose, with a willing ally in Gadd, which left Robinson free to roam at large, forcing Richmond's Smith into the kind of day be

would rather forget.

The play of neither standoff half was very memorable and poor Smith put most of his season's mistakes into one match; he is a much better player than he showed on Saturday and I bope he will indicate as much next week-end, but he needed to do well al Bath if he was to maintain a credible ehallenge.
'If only', the London players

may have said to themselves as they retreated east. If only any one of four missed penalty attempts had gone over (two from Smith, two from Stringer), particularly when they finally reached the South-West 22 after spending the first 25 minutes of the game entirely in their own half. If only Salmon's delightful second-half break could have been finished off when the

score still stood at the half-

championship was revived time margin of 7-0. If only they had not twice been woken up by the fire alarm in their

> Egerton scored the first try after Martin had chipped ahead and Lozowski had been forced to concede the five-metre scrum. Webb kicked a penalty on the stroke of halftime and it was the full back who made ground when no other South-West back seemed able to. Perhaps his example inspired Hamlin and Knibbs, who speet the first hour dwelling too long on the ball or losing possession.

At all events Swift, for whom the ball did not run, acted as scrum half in the closing minutes for Knihbs to ease through the middle and release Webb. His long legs and subtle dummy deceived the remainder of the defence before Martin was dispatched to the line.

There was still time for

Halliday, who suffered a badly-bruised thigh early in the game but stayed on until the result was not in doubt, to leave and Buzza, his replacement, to bring off a startlingly effective tackle on Salmon. leaving London pride somewhat tattered.

Writin Tatterred.

SCORERS: South-Wast: Tries: Eperton, Martin, Penelty: Webb.

SCUTH-WEST (Batt unless stated): J Webb (Bristot): A Swift, 2 Haillday (rap: A Souta. Loughborough Students). R Kribba (Briston). C Martin; M Hamilin (Gloucester). R Hill (septial): S Collected, a Dave; R Lee, J Gadd (Gloucester), J Norrison, N Radmen, A Robinson, D Scorton.



Arch rivals: the impressive Egerton (left) manages to complete his pass as Pinnegar and Rigby advance for beleaguered London (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

second try came after the inter-

val with an exciting exchange of

passes with Gravelle in a move-

ment which stretched over 50 m

and the full back converted.

The home side kept in touch

with a try by lan Williams

running in support after Easley had charged and picked up an attempted clearance kick by Hopkins, McAvoy extended the

lead with a dropped goal which, despite all the heavy pressure, Llanelli kept to the end.

SCORERS: Ebbw Vale: Tries: B Thomas, I, Wilasma, Penalty: O Fryer.
Llanelli: Tries: Evans [2]. Conversion: M Gravella: Panelty: B Childs. Bropped goal: J McAvoy.

# Richmond profit from Park failings

By Nicholas Keith

Richmond. Rosslyn Park ...

South-West\_

come up for discussion at full

On Bath's muddy Rec-reation Ground on Saturday

Webb brought worthy English

solidity, plus a helping of foreign linesse to a South-West side who could not get

their backs working to any

good effect for an hour and

therefore, not surprisingly, re-lied upon their forwards to

squeeze London into the

slicky playing surface by two

tries and a penalty goal to nil.
It was forward, too, that

some telling contests were played out and ended, conclu-

sively, in favour of the Bath

forwards where David Eger-

ton and Richard Lee ad-

vanced their individual causes

substantially. The South-West, one suspects, were fed up with bearing how good the London tight forwards were; they made their point by pullifying Probuse destruct

nullifying Probyn's destruc-

tive scrummaging and by ramming the London pack back over their own line for

the first try London have

conceded since the divisional

London.

By ending a losing run of three matches Richmond improved their position in third place of the John Smith's Merit table B. Yet, the tenor and tactics of this game were woefully wayward, and Rosslyn Park could have avoided their third successive

defeat by Richmond.
The players were reduced to a mediocre muddle, partly by the state of the Athletie Ground, where the middle was as heavy and treacherous as the seas off mern Australia. Even so, the midfield backs saw a reasonable little effort to feed their wings, who had green grass under foot.

The lack of pattern was underlined by an extraordinary switch in the narrative at half-

time. Richmond dominated the first half, especially in the front row, where they welcomed back Mills after his infamous eye injury against Swansea; whereas Park were still without their captain, Henderson, Kenningham scored an early try from close in, and Hampel finished a fine move down the right in the 40th minute; Brinkley converted both tries, while Graves kicked a penalty for Park. So Richmond led 12-3 at the interval

Then in the second half Richmond hardly entered the visitors' half and, although they did bener in the lineouts, there were fewer scrums for them to enjoy. However, the usually jaunty Jermyn booted Park's possession into the cool, dry air without much thought of giving a go to his two speedy wings. Offiah and Carr. A try by

a loose ball at a lineout, and a penalty by Graves brought Park to within two points of their hosts. But they could not score

Richmond defended stoutly at two tan penalties and Jermyn missed a dropped goal. But it must be said that the 31 senior players showed less sense of how to mount and sustain a move than the schoolboys in my tenyear-old son's tearn. SCORERS: Richmood: Tries: Hampel, Kenningham, Commissions: Brinday (2). Rosslyn Peris: Try: Barrett. Pengilias:

O Prios: M Renny, O Barnet, C McGauley, R Montgomery, N Edwards, S Foulds, T Hyde, A Brooks, Reteres: T Titheridge (London).

# Barnes fit for South-West

Stuart Barnes will return to the South-West team who play the Midlands at Leicester in the final round of the divisional championship next weekend (David Hands writes). Barnes, who pulled ont of Saturday's game at Bath after a fitness test on his bruised hip, regains his place from Mike Hamlin while the Midlands bring in Lee Johnson (Coventry) at loose-head prop instead of Stuart Redfern

There is some doubt over Simon Halliday, the Bath centre, who suffered a dead leg. Jamie Salmon, the Harlequins centre, also suffered beavy bruising to a leg but London anticipate no changes for their game against the North at the Wasps ground.

The non-league club Maidstone United bave decided that if their third round FA Cup tie away to Watford on January 10 should be a draw the replay would be an alllicket match, with a crowd limit of 10,000, subject to police approval.

# **Evans quells Vale upstarts**

By Gerald Davies

Ebbw Vale... Llanelli ...

Like their grandstand and clubbouse, the Ebbw Vale team are in the process of redevelopment. The stand will be ready by March, the elubhouse some time later, but the team itself may need a little longer to resurrect the club's former glories. It is a young side and the squad which Phil Gardner, their former flanker and current coa-ch, has mustered for the season, is littered with players in the Welsh junior squads.

Provided he can persuade them not to be entired by the flashier clubs on the coast — always a hard thing for a Gwent Valley clob to do — then he has the makings of a good team in a ar or two's time.

It was the greater experience of Lianelli and the lack of a final telling thrust from the home side which allowed the visitors to achieve their victory by a goal, a try, a penalty and a dropped goal to two tries and a penalty.

# Sale find gem in Campbell

By Michael Stevenson

Waterloo ..... 19

Waterloo, despite the hiccup of a loss to Vale of Lune earlier, are intent on proving that they are currently the North's premier club. Victory at Brooklands by two goals, a try and a dropped goal to a goal and two penalties, confirmed this view. Both sides were without give or take the vagaries of selection, seven regulars, so the contest was a test of reserve strength, which Waterloo passed confidently, Cooley, the wing, Hawkins, hooker and Reed, lock forward, all did well, though the

best performance from a probest performance from a pro-mored player was for Sale.

Campbell, their scrum half, is a tremendous prospect. He rifles his passes, is the enviable pos-sessor of n formidable work-rate and is strong for his size and quick of thought, hand and foot. Aged 20, he is clearly a man, as the racing fraternity would say,

for your notebook.

The diabolical conditions of mud and driven rain clearly mito and criven rain clearly dictated the paners of play. Airchison, the Waterloo stand-off half and a bugely improved player, hoisted high a good deal, and brought his side level through a neat chip which was taken on the bourse by Whitatakes on the bounce by White-head and Cooley scored near the right corner flag before he converted majestically and cele-brate with a wonderful 40-yard

dropped goal.
Earlier, a gorgeous jinking run
by Stansfield, who was superbly tackled by Jenkins, set up Sale's first score. Maul followed set scrum and a pushover or dropped goal seemed likely. But Campbell stole away unopposed and Gee converted, his penalty 12 minutes later opening a nice point lead. Both Waterloo's second half

tries followed rolling mauls -Jenkins breaking thrillingly for Gallagher to score and another rolling maul that travelled 20 yards ended in a try by Taylor. In the conditions, the handling of both sides was wholly of poin stocs was watery admirable.

SCORERS: Sale: Try:— Campbell.
Conversion: Jes. Penalties: Ges (2).
Waterloo: Try: Cooley, Gallagher, Taylor.
Conversion: Alchison (2). Dropped goal:

Ahchson.

SALE: P.Jea; C. Dickerson, P. Stansheid, O. Poltard, H. Benjamm, G. Rafferty, C. Campbell; E. Bassett, A. Simpson, M. Callery, H. Kowsos, I. Bullough, I. McKie, N. Gattney, M. Kennok, W. McRellou, J. Ticklet, P. Cooley, P. Jankins, J. Whithead, S. Christopherson: I. Andrheon, O. Carloot: C. Draw, G. Hawiers, T. Smon, I. Taylor, D. Reed, N. Altott, S. Gatlagher, G. Hay, Referes: S. High (Manchester).

Of course, as part of an emerging pattern, leuan Evans insisted on adding a few quick and decisive brush strokes to That was the final kick of the first half after Brian Thomas's try had given Ebbw Vale their first points. Llanelli managed theirs from a try by Evans after a.

confirm his devastating form. He scored both his team's tries. Yet, it is not often that Llanelli has to retreat so much nor remain for so long in defence. If territorial superiority was what mattered, Ebbw Vale would have won at a canter.
Fryer and Spiller dominated the
lineout, Easley and Williams
bounded Llanelli in the loose, and Laurence, at stand-off, the elder statesman of the team, who played in this equivalent match Il years ago, was wily coough to know when to make

the opposition turn. .
Each of the others in the back division had his moment, too, but could not quite force the defence, severely tested, held

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tit was noticeably free of any

Williams, P Easley. interspersed with excitement, but it was noticeably free of any unsightly incident apart, that is, from Fryer slipping, going head over heels, as he took his penalty. Somehow, the ball made it over the bar.

LLANELLE M Gravelle: P Hopkins, J

McEvoy, S Davies, I Evans: 2 Childs, J Griffiths (rep. 6 Grevillet, K Townley, O Fox, L Delaney, A Cartistias, P May, O Crane, M Perago, J Williams, Reference R Yeman (Port Talbot).

began to show signs of life, with Thomas and Suckling plunging

around in the loose and Saunders needing two or three men to bring him down on the right wing.

Hall, the Coventry left wing, having just returned to the first team ofter an ankle injury, went off with a damaged thigh. Fain, kicked Coventry's proalty for a head-high tackle on Thomas, and Simms levelled the scores almost at once when the Coventry backs strayed offside in front of their posts. Another offside offence by

Coventry, this time at a scrum near their line, allowed Simms to kick his second penalty soon offer the interval. Between them both sides missed six penalties. Coventry are in the lower reaches of the John Smith's Merit Table A and Liverpool in the upper reaches of table B. Liverpool may therefore con-sider that this victory proves SOMETHE COVERTY PARELY Faim.
Liverpool/St Helens: Penalties: Simms

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# Jones adds finishing flourish for Moseley

By David Hands

A games than anyone else, nproved their standing with 15-14 win over Bristol, helped substantially by the goal-kicking of Murray Jones.

The stand-off half kicked two late penalties to land 11 points to go with Metcalfe's try and overtake Bristol's tries from David Thomas and Carr.

and two Woodman penalties. Northampton kept their standing at the bead of table B (alongside Waterlee) by beating London Irish 17-6. Despite the loss of Greenhalgh, they scored tries through Poole and Packman, Cubitt kicking three penalties. The Irish, who

Ireland's trial next weekend.

their Cambridge University dehutant, bul still scored eight tries against Loughborough Students, two each for Hughes and Oti, who constantly threatened in a 43-0 win.

11. neither side having won away since the inception of the

# A virtuoso display by Laidlaw kick to the corner by Gravelle and a Childs' penalty. Evans's

By Ian McLauchlan

The South of Scotland moved quietly up a gear to comprehensively beat the Anglo Scots 34-3 on a heavy Mansfield Park pitch at Hawick on Saturday.

Apart from an early flurry when Irvine put them ahead with a penalty the Anglos had to

with a penalty the Anglos had to play second fiddle in all depart-ments. Laidlaw, the inter-national scrum half, celebrated his record 67th appearance for the Borderers by putting on a virtuoso performance to which

the visitors had no answer.

The Anglos were unlucky to lose their tall lock Gray with a shoulder injury after only 12 minutes. Had he stayed the score might have been affected but not the result. The South forwards have tightened up their scrummage and with Tomes and Paxton dominating the lineout the South backs were given nample opportunity to show their skills and this they did with a will. Only some desperate defence kept the home side out as Laidlaw probed close to his forwards or Murray orchestrated in the centre while stroke.

both wingers, Tait and Tukalo, needed no second hidding to run at the opposition.
South scored six tries through
Jeffrey, Dods, Tait, Robertson
and Jain Paxton Itwo), Dods also kicked two penalties and two conversions.

In the other game in the McEwan's Inter-District championship, North and Midlands put up a tremendous fight but lost to Edinburgh 16-7. North lost to Edinburgh 16-7. North and Midlands took the lead through a try by Cross and though the city side hit back they could only manage a Hastings penalty before half-time. In the second half Macartney and Hastings exchanged penalties before the superior fitness of the Edinhurgh side told and Millar and Calder scored tries, the latter converted by Hastings. converted by Hastings.

# FIRA open arms to Argentina

From Chris Than

Argentina were unofficially occepted as members of the 39nation Federation Internationale de Rugby Amateur at a meeting of the executive committee at the weekend and immediately confirmed parti-cipation of their under-19 team in the FIRA junior champion-ship in West Berlin next year. Jean-Claude Bourier, the gen-eral secretary of FIRA, said the full membership issue will be dealt with ut the congress in

dealt with at the congress in Portugal next July.

"The expanding world of rugby needs organization and a competitive structure and FIRA is doing a wonderful job," Carlos Tozzi, the president of the Argentine Rugby Union, said.

"We believe that it is vital to expand our contacts and have expand our coutacts and have decided to send our under-19 team to play in West Berlin. That will cost us a lot of money, around \$40,000, but we think that is money well spent." So far 18 nations, including

Argentina and Mexico, have announced they hope to take part in the lacreasingly popular week-long junior tournament. However financial considerations seem to rule oat a similar development taking place at senior level, with the Pumas joining in the FIRA championship. "We cannot afford to travel back and forth to Europe. We can tour for three or four weeks without problems. However if a solution is found

BASKETBALL

# Cut out fouls, Lloyd

By Nicholas Harling

With recent events very much in mind, Dan Lloyd, the Portsin mind, Dan Lloyd, the Portsmouth coach, could hardly do otherwise than make stringent efforts to ensure that all his players stay on court tonight throughout the club's first Prudential national cup final against Polycell Kingston at the

Four Portsmouth players were fouled out by the end of their Carlsberg national league defeat by Kingston earlier this season and it was after Sat-urday's disgrace in which the football club to whom they are affiliated, had three players sent off at Sheffield United that Lloyd said: "There's no doubt it will be a very intense game. It's important that we handle ourselves properly and do not carry things one step too far. That way we end up hurting ourselves instead of helping ourselves." Lloyd's other concern is the fitness of Colin trish, without

whose natural aggression, Ports-mouth would find it hard to cope with the verocity of kingsion's power in a match that promises to be one of the most even cup finals.

No sooner had Irish recovered from a muscle strain than he bruised his left knee during Salurday's 107-101 victory over Hemel/Wutford Royals. An ice pack helped to bring down the swelling yesterday as Lloyd said of the England international: of the England international:
"Colin plays a very hig role.
He's a his scorer, very aggressive
and dominant. He is so valuable
that if he's not ploying. I'm sure
Kingston will feel a lot easier.
"I have a feeling though that
on the night he wnn't feel it. The
Albert Hall can work healing

wonders."
Kevin Cadle, the Kingston coach, and several players were among the crowd. The cup holders have no injury doubts hut, despite their 12 successive league wins, face a mighty task semist a team that Cadle conagainst a team that Cadle con-cedes is: "Playing a little bit better than us at the moment."

ROWING

# Alec's day in close run affair

Cambridge University's trials over the Boat Race course oo the Tideway on Saturday were impressive and a fitting tribute to their senior treasurer, Alec Clark-Kennedy, and their boatman, John Allio, who died last August. The Cambridge trial boats were named Alec and

It was Alec's day on Saturday in a close affair. Cox Simon Loveridge and his red-vested crew held on to the Outside of the long Surrey bend on the Middlesex station before stamping their authority after Barnes in a really thrilling race. The junior world medal-winner, freshman Mathew Brittin, made brilliant dehut as the winnin

Before Hammersmith there was some exciting coxing and clashes at Harrods with neither crew able to get nway and row very well. But rowing stroke for stroke the battle continued in stroke the battle continued in rough water against the strong headwind. A tacking sailing boat just missed John's bows in the Chiswick Reach hut Wolfson kept remarkably cool.

At Chiswick Eyot, with only a canvas between the crews

Brittin's crew began to look the steadier. Alec moved to the front during the crossing and came bome in 19min 46sec hy just borne in 19 natu 46 sec hy just over one and a quarter lengths. ALEC: D Culley (Sandhurs) and Pembroke), bow. J Thompson (Wells Cathers) and Churchill; R Stewers (Univ of British Colombia and LMBC). M Santhi (Shrewsbury and LMBC): P Broughten (Shrewsbury and LMBC): P Broughten (Shrewsbury and LMBC): P Broughten (Southemptor und Magdelere); J Clerke (Stourport on Severn HS and Fizwilliam): M British (Hampton and Robinson), stroke; S Loveridge (Radley and 1st and 3rd Trintly), cox.

JOHN: N Ames (Elon and 1st and 3rd Trintly), bow; T Monris (Merchant Taylors, Northwood and LMBC); J Peopperall (Jundle and Sidney Sussex); N London (Leeds DS and Magdelene); "S Peof (King's, Chester and Dowung); "J Peer (Episcopel, Stanford, USA and 1st and 3rd Trintly); N Grundy (St Edward's and Jesus); R Spinis (Sherborne and Pembroke), cox.

\* A Blue

**AMERICAN FOOTBALL** 

# **Jets simply** run out of steam

By Rubert Kirley

The New York Jets took a Uturn in November, ever since they have been rattling down a road that could lead them out of the National Football League play-offs. On Saturday, Mark Malone passed for two louch-downs and ran for another as the Pittsburgh Steelers beal the Jets

New York, who had a 10-1 record last month, the best in the NFL lost their fourth consecutive game and must win at Cincinnati next week to be assured of a play-off position. New York could gain a play-off berth even if they lost next week, hut that is not likely. Injuries on defense and an ineffective attack have hampered the Jets, who have been outscored 131-40 in their last four games.

At the Mile High stadium. John Elway scored on an 11-yard run and completed a 19yard touchdown pass to lift the Broncos to a 31-30 win against the Washington Redskins. The result enabled the New York Giants to claim the NFC East



CHAMPIONSHIP

Morth Midlands 7 Edinburgh 16
South 7 Edinburgh 16
South 3 Anglo-Scota 3

NORTHEPRI: Ashton-U-Lyne 12, Chorley 13: Blaydon 13, Durham City 34;
Broughton Pk 21, Bradford and Birgley 3;
Chester 4, Hull and E. Riding 37; Coine and Nelson 38, Citheror 3; Ecclae 18, O Instoriats 5; Fleetwood 15, Metrovick 10;
Furness 35, Bolton 4; Heaton Moor 0, Deverport 37; Hullenesians 4 Beverley 18;
Kolghley 13, Huddensfield 17; Manchester YMCA 6, Glossop 19; Mold 10, Ruthin 25;
Newerk 5 Thornensians 4; O Bedlans 6, Bowdon 9; Oltham 6, Caldy 4; Otbey 15, Whacham 20; Ponterfact 3 Flotherham 25;
Newerk 8 Thornensians 4; O Bedlans 6, Bowdon 9; Oltham 6, Caldy 4; Otbey 15, Whacham 20; Ponterfact 3 Flotherham 25;
Rusidin Pk 0, Liverpool Coil 29; Sandial 12
Barnsley 6; Sedgley Pk 18, Calder Vale 0;
Stafford 3, Winnington Pk 18; Thornenson Civeleys 28, Marple 6; Widness 21, Wowerfamyron 0; Widnessow 0, Halitax 11.
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Andower 4.
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Cranbrook 6, Skitingbourne 21; Medway
31. O Shooterahillians 3; O Oravesenham 12, Orpington 12;
Shepper 12, Berdey 9.
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TABLE: Cantaurs 10, Unbridge 8; Russip
36. Harrow 3.
OXFORDSHIRE MERIT. TABLE: Oxford
Marathon 11, Bioester 3.
TRUMAN OB MERIT TABLE: O Freemans
10, Bec OB 3; O Guildhordians 7. O
Walcountians 3; O Halleyburians 3. OMT
11; O Islamorthians 0, Richmond
Thamesians 4; O Pethamians 18. O
SUROINIANS 3.

Stantiord 0: Bracknell 36, Ostarley 19: Brentwood 11, Landon Hosp. 10: Buckingham 31, Berchley 0: Brackney 19: Brentwood 11, Landon Hosp. 10: Buckingham 31, Berchley 0: Brages 148.

4. Effingham 4: Carribridge City 15. Chelmsford 25; CAV 0, Caintin 17: Cherton Park 2. Surrey Police 3: Chelmsford 25; Carribridge 16: Cheshurt 30, Aylesbury 0: Chingford 12, Mill Hill 4: Chinnor 17: Pinner 3: Eastleigh 39, Easo 0: East London 0.Carripton 39: Parnham Dritters 0. Abingdon 4: Grasshopper 19. Windome 10: Gravesend 3, Askean 49: Guilleflord and Godalming 40, 0 Whightham 3: Hermotersmith and Fulhem 12. London Comish B: Hermote 10, Bank of England 19: Herwords 10, Bank of England 19: Herwedt 4, Hove 15. Chichester 4: Bind Wenderres 12: Romford and Gidda Park 15: Spewich 14. Beachord Wenderres 4: King's College Hosp 5, HAC 24: Letchworth 6, Headon 32: Linton 0, Orsentich 20: London New Zealand 3. Southed 20: Merton 13. Brighton 9: North Dorset 17: Bath Spertant 23: O Alsystens 7, O Durstonians 3: O Alsystens 7, O Durstonians 3: O Asystens 7, O Durstonians 3: O Asystens 7, O Durstonians 3: O Asystens 7, O Cateshamians 0. Cranisigh 18: O Gaytonians 12. Hevant 12: O Grantmarisms 20. O Hemptonians 19. Rosstinn Park XV 34: O Juddens 50. Erith 0: O Mesodonans 9. Michem 13: O Mill-Wingdians 7, O Rutishinans 10. O Held-Wingdians 7, O Rutishinans 8: O Paulines 11. Dorking 18: O Tottonians 19. Postinn Park XV 34: O Juddens 50. Erith 0: O Mesodonans 9. Michems 10: Portsmouth 10: Worthing 7: Farmham 7. O Wenderms 20: Estation 11: Purp 8. Dordonians 4: Royston 3, Harpenden 25: Saffron Walden 10. Stockwood Park 19: Stoppe 11: 3. Showdown CW 10: Southampton 32. Rushmoor 4: Shaires 4. Sashouy 26: Sashoum 27. Hermal Hempsteed 3: Winghaster 6, Reading 39. Woodford 24. Westnombe Park 0.

# Replay plan

# Basic belief wins

By Gordon Allan

Liverpool/St Helens ..... 6

Before their amalgamation with St Helens, Liverpool had never beaten Coventry. At Coundon Road on Saturday, in a match of mud and muddle, thud and blunder, they suc-

ceeded for the first time by two penalty goals to one. "Fancy losing to that lot," was one Coventry reaction, implying that Liverpool/St Helens were an inferior team. It would be fairer to say that both teams were inferior on the day but that

were inferior on the day but that Liverpool were marginally less inferior than Coventry. Even in the prevailing confusion it was possible to discern why. They defended well, their forwards worked hard and — most important — they believed in keeping the ball alive. Early on for example Fairn hit a post with a penalty attempt and Simms promptly ran the ball back at Coventry, when the received wisdom of rugby dic-tated that he should kick for

It was not an isolated instance. Liverpool continued try-ing to play that way, although their chances dwindled in the second half, when Coventry

scored an excellent try by Davidson, lost Gibson, their captain, with a damaged band which may keep him out of

Neath, with a 22-13 win over Bridgend, shrugged off

Moseley, who have played ties, Jonathan Davies and more John Smith's merit table Edmunds scoring the tries for Neath. Cardiff, meanwhile, came badly unstuck at London Welsh, Jeremy Evans (two) and Hall scoring the tries for Welsh in a 25-12 win. Nottingham lost Wyles,

> ◆ Morale soared for Harrogate, who beat Gosforth 16-15, and Fylde, who despatched Hawick comfortably 22-3, but as pleasing to their supporters was Morley's narrow home victory over Vale of Lune, 13-

fixture in 1972 (Miehael Stevenson writes). Northern's improved form continued with a frankly unpredictable victory over Orrell, Calvert the challenge of their nearest rivals in the Whitbread table.

Thorburn kicked four penal-the final minute (18-15). we'll be more than happy to play in the FIRA championship,"

# Indamelody to initiate treble for Henderson

Twelve months ago, Nicky Henderson, last season's champion trainer, took three horses to Leicester. Two won and the third was beaten a short head.

Now the Lambourn trainer is launching another threehorse raid on the same Midlands track and this time he is hopeful of doing even better by landing a trehle with Steve Smith Eccles aboard.

Last year, Indamelody (1.30) was the first of his winners. Now there is ground for believing that he will be the first again with stable companions. Charlies Cottage (2.30) and Mandavi (3.00), following him into the winner's enclosure.

Charlie Brooks, Fred Winter's assistant trainer, will have his first ride in public on this year's Irish Grand National winner Insure in the Holly Handicap Chase. But I know that he will be surprised if, on his seasonal debut, his recent acquisition manages to beat the in-form Indamelody

12.30 Nabeeh.

1.00 Federal Trooper. 1.30 INDAMELODY (nap).

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CO,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) S Hall 9-10-0.

0-2F1F4 NABEEH (D) (M Bray-Cotton) W Clay 4-11-6 00- BOULEVARD ROY (Mrs W Price) R Holder 4-11-0 BRAYE SAINT (R Bethell) P Blockley 4-11-0 0P00 BRONERS CHOICE (P MecCourt) P O'Connor 4-11-0.

PP-DP POCO LOCO (Mrs C Howard) A Depison 4-11-0
PP-DP POCO LOCO (Mrs C Howard) A Depison 4-11-0
P STRAIGHT SETS (P Candell) P Cardell 4-11-0
00-PD SUSSEX OVERSEAS (P Hiatr) P Hiatr 4-11-0
003 FRENCHLY BEE (R Motcarie) J Glover 4-10-9
F04200 SAUCY SPRITE (R Norton) A Jervis 4-10-9
9-00P00 SECRET SROUX (B) (B Derbyshive) O McCain 4-10-9
PP0- THERESA (G Brum) G Brum 4-10-9
000 VALGARIS (Top Industrial Mrg Ltd) P Davis 4-10-9

1.0 MISTLETOE NOVICE HURDLE (£1,748: 2m) (25 runners)

O PRINCE GEOMOETOWN (H PATROP) R Hamby 4-11-0.

SEVEN SWALLOWS (Mrs G Davidson) H Collingridge 5-11-0.

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VENTURI (Mrs S Tainton) N Painting 5-11-0.

VERTY SPECIAL (Mrs E Lambton) W Holden 4-11-0.

ELTEETEE (J Masters) C Jernes 4-10-9.

MISS TOPEM (J Taylor) C Vermon Miller 5-10-9.

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8 NIKOCIA EVE (D Cooper) J Glover 4-10-8... TORIANNAROSA (A P (Consultants) Ltd) O Sterman 5-10-8... 00- XYLOPHONE (L Shepherd) O Marks 4-10-8...

ran). Selection: FEDERAL TROOPER

TRAINERS

12.15 Absonant.

FORM FEDERAL TROOPER (11-7) had no answer to Perfect Double's (10-9) late run, beaten 2, at Newbury (2m, 22074, soft, Nov 22, 21 ran). BEE GARDEN (11-0) 4th beaten 23½ to Doyle's Express (10-10) at Devon (2m 11, £720, soft, Dec 5, 17 ran). GREED (11-1) 2nd beaten 101 to Thetchu (11-1) at Perth (2m, £1600, good, May 21, 16 ran). HGRI PLANKS (10-7) 5th, can improve from his first outing when running green, beaten 8 to Positive (10-7) at Nothingham (2m, £1079, good, Dec 1, 22 ran). NICE BUSINESS (10-7) 3rd beaten 10t to Courageous Charger (10-3) at Plumpton (2m, £548, good to firm Nov 11, 14 ran). RIKOOLA EVE (10-9) 3rd beaten 22 to Starwood (11-7) at Market Rasen (2m, £1639, good to soft, Nov 22, 19 ran).

Course specialists

**KELSO** 

Selections

Michael Seely's selection: 1.45 SILENT VALLEY (nap).

1.45 Silent Valley. 2.15 Bobby Burns.

Indeed, the recent Hereford ikely to pose a greater threat.

But now that Indamelody has at Newbury in November, looks the business for the looks th winner Mayanncor seems finally got his act together he should be capable of dealing

Wendy Thorne, can complete a family double by winning the second division of the Christmas Tree Novices' Chase. At Warwick last month, he split Cottage Run and Rhoecus who upheld the form when they finished first and second in a similar race on the same course on

with today's rivals.

Mandavi, the 10-length winner of a handicap hurdle restricted to conditional jockeys at Devon and Exeter earlier this month, goes unpenalized for the Ivy Handicap Hurdle and will never have a better chance of winning a race of this nature.

LEICESTER

Selections By Mandarin

By Michael Seely

1.30 Indamelody. 3.0 Mandavi.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 CHARLIES COTTAGE Guide to our in-line racecard

Reobcard number. Draw in brackets. So:-figure and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in tetest form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unsaeted rider. B-brought down. B-stipped up. R-refused). Horse's race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and brought down. B-stipped up. R-refused). Horse's race (B-blinkers, V-visor, H-hood. E-Eyesheld. C-course winner. D-distance winner, CD-course price.

12.30 CHRISTMAS CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £625: 2m) (12

1985: STREET LEVEL 10-4 S McCrystal (7-4 jt-fav) H O'Nell Stran

FORM NABEEH was straring the lead when falling at the 5th, earlier (10-1) won 34 from Bonfire (11-5) at Southwell (2m sett, 2514, soft, Nov 24, 12 ran). BOULEVARD BOY (10-3) 6th well beaten 14! to Preordination (11-0) at Newton Abbot (2m, 5714, good, Aug 27, 11 ran). SUSSEX OVERSEAS (10-10) well beaten 5th over 50 to Track Marshell (10-10) at Hereford (2m, 584, 2515, good to soft, 10 ran). FREEDILLY BEE (10-9) 3rd beaten 22! to Doon Venture (10-5) at Nottingham (2m, 5731, good, Dec 6, 14 ran). SAUCY SPRITE (10-5) kept on well, 4th beaten 10%! to Downton Chicago (10-9) at Southwell (2m 4f sell, 5758, good to soft, Nov 18, 15 ran).

Going: soft, hurdle course; good to soft, chase course

As for the rest of the Leicester programme, I con-beat in the Gattonside sider that Federal Trooper Novices' Chase.

2.00 Proud Pilgrim. 2.30 Charlies Cottage.

(1.00) and Proud Pilgrin (2.00) stand out.

Mistletoe Novices' Hurdle especially as on his second visit Charlies Cottage, who also belongs to Henderson's give 12th to the subsequent Wincanton winner Perfect to Newbury he was trying to Double.

Proud Pilgrim's latest effort against Playschool and Comeragh King at Newbury was even more meritorious than it appeared at the time in light of their subsequent victories and he is preferred to Wicked Uncle for the first division of the Christmas Tree Novices' Chase. At Kelso, I very much like

the look of the rejuvenated Silent Valley in the Lauder Handicap Chase. Before winning his last race at Newcastle, Silent Valley made the smart Strands of Gold pull out all the stops on the same track.

The useful ex-Irish six-yearold Alkeps should be hard to

> 37 8-1 97 5-2

M Pitmen • 99 F5-4 A Gorman — — — 76 14-1

C Llowellyn (7)

R Crank
B de Hean
R Earnshaw
J Barlow

76 14-1

72 10-1

72 18-1

1.30 HOLLY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,540: 3m) (6 runners)

FORM RISURE ex-Intel, winner of the Irish Grand National in March, lest run in this country (10-0) 8th soft, Apr 26, 18 ran). TRACTS SPECIAL, (10-0) 5th beaten 7½ to 1 Haventally it (10-1) at Sendown in the Whitbread Gold Cup (3rd 5/, 224,809, soft, Apr 26, 18 ran). TRACTS SPECIAL, (10-0) 5th beaten 7½ to 1 Haventally it (10-1) at Chalterham (3m 1f, 27700, good, Dec 5, 6 ran). MADARELODY (11-11) made all to win 1½ from Elon Rouge (11-7) at Warwick (3m, 22052, good to soft, Nov 27, 5 ran). SMITH'S MAN less pulled up in the Welsh Nacroal earlier (10-9) 2nd beaten 1½ to Planetman (11-0) at Nottingham (3m 4f, 23150, good, Dec 7, 11 ran). MEISTER (11-4) won 1½ from Maggie Dec (10-7) at Newton Abbot (3m 2f, 23583, soft, Nov 25, 11 ran). MAYANNICOR (11-2) made all to win 71 from Coney Glen (10-7) at Hereford (3m 11, 22553, good to soft, Dec 2, 6 ran). Selections SMITH'S MAN

FORM BRONSKI, a useful hurder who makes his debut over fences, (11-4) 4th beaten 13% to Red Rocky (10-0) at Sandown (2m 54, £3724, good to soft, Nov 29, 18 ran). CAMELLA'S CHOICE (10-12) 5th beaten 14% to Anagmor' Daughier (10-8) at Wincanton (2m 64, hide, £1264, good to soft, Nov 13, 22-12). PROUD PILGRIM (11-0) 340 beaten 131 to Playschool (11-0) at Newbury (4h, £4142, soft, Nov 22, 10 ran). VALLEY SO DEEP (11-0) 8th in need of the race when 8th beaten over 16t to Compton Park (11-0) at Chetrenham (2m 44, hote, £2155, good, Dec 6, 17 ran). WICKED UNICLE (11-0) 2nd beaten 201 to Befymulish (11-2) at Kempton (3m, £1963, good, Nov 9, 4 ran). Selection: PROUD PILGRIM

2.30 CHRISTMAS TREE NOVICE CHASE (Div II: £1,295: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

FORM MANDAVI (11-8) won well 10t from GENETRALISE (10-12) at Devon (2m 11, £1243, soft. Dec 5, 2m 4f, £3950, good, Dec 6, 16 ran). SWINNOE CROFT (10-9) 8th beaten over 10t to Russisone (10-13) at Chaftenham (10-4) 4t, £3950, good, Dec 6, 16 ran). SWINNOE CROFT (10-9) 8th beaten over 3d to Withy Bank (10-4) at Haydock (2m 4f, £1398), good to soft. Nov 20, 19 ran). PREPALAS, has some useful form in Ireland, (10-3) 10th beaten over 15 to New Farmer (10-1) at Humingdon (3m 1f, £2,198, good to soft, Dec 10), £ND OF THE ROAD (10-0) 5th beaten 5t to Withdre Goest Thou (10-10) at Worcester (2m, £1591, good to soft, Dec 3,24 ran). WINSOR BOND (3-12), caught close home, 2nd beaten shi hd to Little London (10-8) at Hersford (3m 1f, £1590, good to 8rm, May 1, 14 ran). STIPPWITGHT (3-10) 4th beaten 16 file to Oryx Minor (11-6) at Kompton (2m, £2574, good to soft, Nov 20, 10 ran). MANY KATE ORBIERT (10-12), will be better for the recart outing, 5th beaten 32 to Bara Peg (10-12) at Huntingdon (2m 5f, £1442, good to soft, Nov 25, 14 ran). KING OF STRESS (0-11) tailed to quicken, beaten 20 to Black River (3-9) at Southwell (2m, £1142, good to soft, Dec 5, 15 ran).

1.15 EBF WOODSIDE STUD NOVICE HURDLE (mares: £1,241: 2m 6f) (17 runners)

1985: MISTY SPIRIT 6-10-8 A Stringer (9-4 (1-fav) 0 Lee 8 ran

IDE (B) (D Lamb) II Lamb 6-10-12....

.45 LAUDER HANDICAP CHASE (£1,587: 3m) (5 runners)

P0304-1 MOLLY CAREW (A Douglas) O Moffatt 6-11-5... 000/002 CORRY CASTLE (J Raine) J H Johnson 5-10-12.

2 OP BORIEM KING (G P S (Print) Ltd) S Mellor 5-11-0 M 8
3 343-34F BOWDEN (Miss Dougles-Pernant) I Dudgeon 8-11-0 M 8
4 203-F02 BRIGHT SHERRIFF (B) (T Winterton) O Brennan 7-11-0 M 9
5 0400-02 CHARLIE'S COTTAGE (Mrs M Thomal H Henderson 6-11-0 S Sm 6
6 FF COOLOUGHTER (N Roberts) J Webber 5-11-0 G 9
7 2/ DOODY'S SPECIAL (Mrs H Handel) H Handel 11-11-0 Miss 9
12 00-F3 MARYLEBONE (Lady Hants) G Balding 7-11-0 C Ltm 19
13 P000-F0 NED LAWLESS (Mrs M Richardson) J Old 6-11-0 C Ltm 16 304-003 RED NCK (G Babbago) Mrs M Babbago 8-11-0 N 17
4/0102- ROWLEY LOOGE (F Jackson) P Bewan 5-11-0 R D 19
19 010-P3 SUBBROCKE PARK (C Hague) S Richardson 3-11-0 R D 19
10 19303/0- THE HACIENDEROS (Mrs S Curley) S Curley 7-11-0

3.0 IVY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,175: 2m 4f) (23 runners)

2.0 CHRISTMAS TREE NOVICE CHASE (Div I: £1,326: 2m 4f) (13 runners)



Mr T Mitchell (7)

. SJONell Mrs C Effett ... G Mernegh .......... J Frost

R Stronge

...... G Menseph ..... Miss H Handel

C Linesitys (7)

Babbaga J Harris

... S Smith Eccles 98 F2-1

R Dowling (7)

J McLaughtin

I Murphy

R Dunwoody

R Crank

... J Dryse

Dennis (4) T G Dun

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Il Mactaggart (7) ..... C Dennis (7)

M Pepper

R Lumb

M Hammond

B Storey

Wir J Welton

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# Elsworth planning double assault

two-proaged assault for this competitive prize.

One of the great characters of the National Hunt scene, Rich-ard Burridge's front-running grey showed that he had recov-ered all his former zest and fire when romping home 12 lengths clear of Charcoal Wally in the Frogmore Chase at Ascot on Saturday.

Tempurarily approaching the straight, Desert Orchid shook off the eventual runner-up and Annettes Delight at the second-last and came home like n tiger.

David Elsworth plans to run both Desert Orchid and Combs Ditch in the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park.

On Boxing Day, 1984, Combs Ditch nearly achieved the shock of the season when failing by a short head to beat Burrough Hill Lad, and now the in-form Whitsbury trainer is launching n two-proaged assault for this competitive prize.

Aberiow from the Killiney Chase, Gifford and his veteran owner suffered an early setback when Midnight Count could easy split Cavvies Clown and Bajan Sunshine in a hard-fought battle. "He slipped going into the first bend," said Gifford. "And he slipped again and banked two fences, including the ditch, cacing dnwn into Swinley Bottom."

win fails

By Our Irish Raciog Correspondent

Bobsline, starting at the generous odds of 6-4, duly won the Durkan Bros International Punchestown Chase on Sat-

urday, but a winning margin of eight lengths still left one in doubt as to whether the 10-year-

old retains the hrilliance he

showed as a novice when he won both the Arkle Trophys at

Leopardstown and Cheltenham.

Another Brownie, the ruoner-

up to him on Saturday and the

long-time pacemaker, had beaten Bobsline at Punchestown

in the Spring in a handicap hut own met Bobsline on a stagger-ing 43th worse terms. After-

wards, his trainer Francis Flood

said: "I am pleased enough with this win as Bobsline has never

been at his best going right-

Bobsline will return to the left-handed Leopardsmwn circuit, for two big races, the IR£50,000 Black and White

Whiskey Champinn Chase at Christmas and the IR£75,000 Vincent O'Brien Gold Cup there

Flood's ambitions for a hig-

race double on Saturday were thwarted when Lucisis, last year's winner of the Conyngham

Cup, and a 13-8 favourite for a

Wincanton and as Elsworth said wincanton and as Elsworth said
afterwards, "jumping is the
name of this particular game."
The Top Rank Christmas
Hurdle is also promising to be
another thrilling affair at
Kempton. Nubalandum, the de-

"He's right back to his best Champion Hurdle third.
and I reckon that was an Elsworth was nevertheless deimprovement on his last ron on lighted with the runner-up's

cisive conqueror of Barabrook Again in the HSS Hire Shops Hurdle, will return to Sunbury, where River Ceiriog and Floyd

# on King George

Carvies Clown had also fenced boldly when comprehen-sively thrashed by Aherlow 6t

are likely rivals for last season's

# Leaders over the jumps

TRAINERS

long as the ground is not too bad, Desert Orchid will go for the big race." Colin Brown will have the choice between him and Combs Ditch, who is in great shape and has won first time out in each of

the past two seasons.

Forgive'N Forget and Wayward Lad appear to deminate the King George, but Door Latch and Western Sunset are other possible runners. And either Bolands Cross or Half Free are likely to represent Sheikh Ali

Aba Khamsin. Door Latch's decisive victory Door Latch's decisive victory in Saturday's SGB Chase was a joy to watch, and must have warmed the 92-year-old heart of Jim Joel as Josh Gifford's so often disappointing eight-year-old asserted his superiority turning into the straight and drew clean away from Sign Again and Cross Master.

The super the falls of Rusco.

In be sure, the falls of Bucko and Plundering made the race less competitive, but when allowed to dominate proceedings in this way, Door Latch is a formidable three-miler and bet-

ter than his present handicap. mark.
"I have talked to Mr Joel," said Gifford. "Door Latch put everything in yesterday, and we just hope the race doesn't take too much out of him. But if he comes back bouncing we'd like to have a crack at the King George as Richard Rowe thinks that Kempton will suit the horse."

West Tip, now 14-1 favourite to repeat last season's Grand National win, came home strongly to finish fourth and together with the runner-up. Sign Again, will now go for the Mandarin Chase at Newbury's New Year fixture. "West Tip ran a mighty race and just needs 10lb off his back," said Richard

Durwoody.

As far as Bucko is concerned. Jimmy Fitzgerald is going to club lower his sights with Saturday's casualty. "We'll now let Backo carry bigger weights against lesser opposition to restore his confidence," the trainer said.

Despite the defection of run.

the track," said Elsworth. "As performance. "Not only were we giving away 4lb, but we also had to do most of the donkey work. I still think he's got a great chance in the Ladbroke Hardle with only 10lb 11lb." Barnbrook Again and The Iliad are now cofavourites at 6-1 with the spon-sors for Leopardstown's feature

on January 10.

After Gaye Brief had hlun-dered his chance sway at the walk Hurdle, the race became a three-cornered affair between Out Of The Gloom, Sheer Gold, and Ihn Majed. Peter Scudamore was seen at his most inspired when forcing Out-Of The Gloom home to go three clear of Mark Dwyer at the head of the jockeys' table, and to

of the jockeys' table, and to complete a personal double. Perhaps the most amazing sight of an exciting afternoon's sport was at Doncaster where Simon Sherwood persuaded Burnt Oak to stage that surprising rally to catch Wayward Lad on the flat in the Sheila's Cottage Handicap.

Simon carried out his orders to the letter, said David Nicholson. "I told him on no account to touch the old horse with the whip," and with his tall swishing around like a windmill, Brigadier Harvey's 10-year-old recorded his fourth victory in

corded his fourth victory in succession and new goes to Warwick on December 29.

It is impossible not to agree with Motica Dickinson that Graham Bradley hit the front far Graham Bradley hit the front far too soon, as at the third fence from home the 11-year-old winner of 27 races had looked in a different league to his gallant but one-paced rival, "Wayward Lad got very tired," said Mrs Dickinson, "But he's never liked being in front too long, and if Brad had gone a fence later, he would probably have won."

9 John Spearing, the trainer o John Spearing, the trainer, will appear before the Jockey Club Disciplinary Committee tomorrow concerning the four-day declaration of Run And Skip for the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury last month and the horse's subsequent failure to run.

# Saturday's results

Ascot 12.15 1, Carvies Clone (†1.2; 2, Midnight Court (4-7 tav); 3, Bajan Sunshine (†1.4), 5 ran, NR: Aherlow 12.58 1, Nohelmann (†3.6); 2, Bandrock Again (5-4 tav); 3, Humberside Samorook Agan. (5-4 fav); 3, Humberside Lady (11-2), 5 ran, 1201, Out Of The Gloots (4-1); 2, Sheer Gold (10-1); 3, Ibn Majed (100-30), Gaye Brief 64 fav, 6 ran, 1.55 1, Door Latch (6-1); 2, Sign Again (13-2); 3, Cross Master (14-1), Bucko 7-2 tay 12 ran

tav, 12 ran, 2.30 1, Desert Orchid (7-2 jt-lav); 2, Charcoel Wally (4-1); 3, Little Bay (7-2 jt-Creation was property. S. P. 1. 3.0 1. Molojec (16-1); 2. Bluff Cave (9-4 (1-1av); 3. Cats Eyes (14-1); 4. Red Rocky (9-4 (1-1av); 23 ran.

Doncaster ' 12-40 1. Dan The Miller (4-5 tev); 2. Long Engagement (5-2); 3. Bucktest Abbey (5-1). 4 ran, 1.10 1; Barnt Oak (2-1); 2. Wayward Lad (6-4 tev); 3. Lean Ar Agnatch (11-2), 5 rat., 1.40 1, Abu Kedra (11-2); 2. Battlefield Band (10-1); 3. Timely Star (15-2), Helf Brother 3-1 tev. 15 ran.

2.10 1. Joint Sovereignty (11-8: Mandarin's rap); 2. Ten Of Spades (5-4 fay); 3. Kingsarck (8-1). 7 ran.
2.40 1, Fendadge Boy (14-1); 2. Nautical Step (13-2); 3. My Derya (14-1). Doon Venture 11-4 fay; 18 ran.
3.10 1, Santien (3-1); 2, Stay On Tracks (11-4 fay); 3. Any Business (5-1); 14 ran.
4.40 1. Bardannies (11-4); 2. Alastin Flux 3.40 1. Redwerley (11-4); 2. Alaska Run (12-1); 3, Pride Hill (11-8 fav), 18 ran.

Towcester

. 12.30 1. Developers Run (3-1); 2. Unicol (5-2 tay); 3. Abba Lad (14-1). 16 ran. 1.50 1. Broaze Effigy (8-1): 2. Espero (10-1): 3. Knobl Obi (8-1): Bara Peg 5-2 fav. 19 ran. 2.0 1. Greenbank Park (5-4 fav): 2. Co Member (5-2): 3. Emboy (10-1): 9 ran. 2.39 1; Kouros (4-1); 2. Andres Dawn (5-4 lav); 3. Cradle Of Jazz (5-1): 15 ran. NR; Same's Friend. 2.6 1; Stray Shot (15-2); 2. Avernus (9-4 fav); 3. April Prince (9-2); 4; Kam His (16-1). 20 ran.

RACKETS Bobsline's regained
y graceful World title to convince by graceful FORMUS

Prenn By William Stephens

John Prenn regained the world title from William Boone by one of the narrowest margins in the history of the championship when he won a tense and exciting second leg by 4-3 at Queen's Club on Saturday.

Leading after the first leg in New York by four games to three, hut with a points advantage of only 93-92, he became certain of securing the title when, at three games all, be reached 13-7 in the fourth, since, if Boone had levelled at seven games all, the champinnship would have been decided on points. The final score was 15-5, 15-10, 7-15, 10-15, 15-8, 9-15, 15-7, with Preon amassing 86 points in Boone's 75 — and in Prenn's overall 8-6 margin of victory he intalled 179 points to Boone's 167.
Prenn clearly had the mental

edge at the outset – gained by his first-ever defeat of Boone oo the New York court. Boone the New York court. Boone appeared disturbed by this set-back and played tentatively, reacting in Prenn's initiative rather than taking his own. Boone's service lacked bite—indeed he nnly registered two aces in the first game, and those after Prenn had faced to an 11-0 lead in one hand.

When two games down.

When two games down, Boone's anger was aroused and his characteristic aggression returned. Dominating the from in the court be took the third game and led 7-3 in the fourth before Prenn came to contention at 9-9 Boone in one hand to lead 3-2.

Boone's service became des-

perate in the sixth game. He raced in 11-1, including five cansecutive aces, although Prenn countered to 9-11 before Boone levelled at three games all – when the points total was 164 to Prenn and 160 to Boone. At 5-5 in the final game, Boone made three consecutive unforced errors and overhit high on to the back wall, giving Prenn easy kill shnts. Prenn said it was his closest ever match with

JUDO

# Tough test for the champion

From Nicolas Soames Fukuoaka

The eight new world champions in women's judo travelled in Japan to fight in the fourth Fukuoaka international women's championship at the weekend, but only one— Britain's Karen Briggs - proved consistent enough to win as they had done in the premier event two months ago. In the final of the bantamweight category yes-terday she again beat Fumiko

But the true measure of the victory can only be seen against the background of her training, for Miss Briggs has been in hospital for an operation on her arm and between the world championships and the Fukuoaka event she has had just two hours of judo practice. And even those were spent nursing an armful of stitches.

It was not surprising therefore that while she won the final against Ezaki, it was touch and go with the 15-year-old manag-ing to frustrate her main attacks and Briggs only won on a split decision.

Britain's two other world champions, lightweight Ann Hughes, and light middleweight Diane Bell, clearly viewed the Fukuoaka championships as something of an anti-climax something of an anti-climax after winning world titles, though both duly picked up medals. Miss Hughes came securely through to the final where she met Maria Gontowicz, the Pole whom she had beaten in the final of the world champinnship. This time the result was reversed with Gontowicz taking the decision.

On Saturday, Diane Bell, fnund berself in much the same faund berself in much the same situation. She won her first fight by holding down Christine Fleury (France) but then enrienty (France) but then en-countered Noriko Mochida (Ja-pan) who tipped her backwards for a knock-down some when the Newcastle girl momentarity aged in salvage a bronze medai however by beating Boguslawa Olechnowicz, of Poland.

BASKETBALL: Predential National Cup Final: Team Polycell Kingston v HrS Portsmouth (at the Royal Albert Hall. 8.15). Junior National Cup Finals Happy Eater East London Royals v Sharp Manchester United (at the Royal Albert ...

Hail, 5.40):

BOXING: Norfolk Gardens Hotel; York-shire Grey, Etham (8.0); Grosvenor House Hotel Dinner Tournament, W1.

EQUESTRIANSM: Clympia Horse Show. GOLF: Whyte and Mackay PC (at Wersworth, 10.15). worth, 10.15).
RACKETS: Public schools champion-ships.
SOLIASH RACKETS: British doubles championships (at Cannons SC). TENNIS: Royal Bank Junior Winter Indoor Series: Boys: (at Bisham Abbey)

Going: good to soft 12.15 EARLSTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£570: 2m) (11 \$5 10-1 \$5 12-1 \$6 7-1 \$7 5-1 **9 99 11-2** R Febry
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**TRAINERS** 

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RESULTS: Light Milddeweight (under 61k): N Mochde (1,9) gold. Ö Bell (GB) bronze. Milddieweight (under 65k): R Harti (Austria) gold. Light heavyweight (under 72k): I Berghmans (Bel) gold. Heavyweight (nover 72k): F Gao (China) gold. Bankimweight (under 48k): K Briggs (GB) gold. Festherweight (under 52k): K yanaguchi (Jap) gold. Lightweight (under 52k): K Yanaguchi (Jap) gold. Lightweight (under 55k): M Gontowicz (Poland) gold. A Hughes (GB) silver. Open-weight: Shuang Li (China) gold.

**TODAY'S FIXTURES** 

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY Pretiminary round Orient v Brentford (7.45).

By Clive White

Aston Villa Manchester United.

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definitely upon Maochester and Gray. Now he has, And United - and making Alex Ferguson, their manager, feel most unfestive. He watched incredulously as, for the second week running. United gave a way a two-goal lead in a six-goal thriller that held no compensation for Ferguson. It was enough to make a Scrooge

of any man, let alone a Scot.
"It's tocredible," he sighed,
from heaven to hell in the space of seconds." It was 16 minutes between the formality of United recording their first away win of the season and the possibility of a mere draw, but you knew what he meant.

In all his years at Pittodrie he said Aberdeen only once lost such a lead. But perhaps he was never cursed by the misfortune of losing his best player thorugh injury at a crucial time, and tossing a fledgling goalkeeper into aerial combat with two birds of prey

like of Gray and Thompson. A further irony that Fer-guson would not have appreciated was that, as last week wheo two goalkeeping errors by Turner cost United dearly, so another hrace of boobs by Walsh, the debutant, aged 18, would undermine a performance by United that Ferguson cooceded, he mostly

thoroughly enjoyed watching.
If it was a mistake, as I

Villa Park, it has not deterred Ferguson. We knew about his ability to command his anyone could have scored. box in the reserves, but he's never had the experience of The spirit of Christmas is facing people like Thompson

we'll give him a run."
Billy MeNeill, the Villa manager, well aware of Walsh's sbility from his days in Manchester, concurred with Ferguson's approval of the youngster. At 6 ft 2 in Walsh's head for heights ought to improve while he gets down remarkably well as he showed when blocking Hunt's shot in the 23rd minnte even if Hodge did follow-up to score did follow-up to score.

By theo United already had their nose io front when one of several telling balls from Robson put Daveoport in with the sort of chance he oow accepts as ruthlessly as he did at Nottingham Forest. He, more than anyone, has been re-activated by Fergusoo's arrival. When two successively astute passes by Siveback and Strachan set up Davenport even more conclusively, the ball slithered off the end of his toe and just wide of a post, while Spink collided with him, adding insult to injury. If insult was forgotten in the splendour of the third goal, his injured ribs could not be,

eventually moving him fatefully from the game. But before it did, United had moved ahead with an élan which we have not seen in their play since last sason's If it was a mistake, as I sprint start. An inspired suspect it was, to haptize blocked tackle by Strachan

# Walsh in such a cauldron as maintained pressure upon The new crusaders are kings of their castle

By Simon O'Hagan

Luton Town... Everton.

Luion Town are football's self-styled new crusaders— right down to the gospel choir which provided the pre-match entertainment on Saturday. And while the club's message to visiting supporters is not to everybody's liking, nobody could deny them the right to make a song and dance about their progress on the field.

Amid the welter of con-troversy surrounding Luton's crowd-control measures the club's playing record has been largely overlooked. Yet their achievements have been remarkable, particularly bearing Harford and the fact that at the end of last season they had to part with one of the best

managers in the League. David Pleat's successor is John Moore, a man as taut as Pleat was expansive. Not surprisingly, the team has undergone a similar change of character, the effect of which is to make them just as successful, if not quite so attractive to

mally associated with Lmon sides of the past, is now an essential part of their make-up, and it needed to be against an Everton team who, with Steven back after injury, looked close to the form that won them the title

two years ago.
In a match to which nobody had much time on the ball Everton were never quite able to sustain enough pressure to pro-duce cracks in the Luton de-fence. At best they created halfchances. Much of this may have had to do with the pitch - they have never won on an artificial surface and seem to be develop-ing something of a complex

While Everton's approach was to try to wear the opposition down, Linon were always looking for the one telling ball that Generally Everton's covering at the back was superb, but they were helpless to prevent Newell making the breakthrough a quarter of an hour from the end when be capitalized on Mark

David Picat's successor is when be capitalized on Mark John Moore, a man as taut as Picat was expansive. Not surprisingly, the team has undergone a similar change of character, the effect of which is to make them just as successful, if not quite so attractive to watch.

Resilience, not a quality oor
Note that the picat of the

Newcastle upset trend

While Newcastle United were cent goals in his time here but propping up the first division in November the record books could have been little comfort. that was the best I have seen him score since I took over as Two of the clubs who were in For the past three seasons, bottom in November has meant nid-table when Newcastle fell to the basement, but who have now been overtaken by them, predictably contested a dull draw on Saturday, Queen's Park Rangers and Charlton Athletic are now each without a pain in bottom at the end of the season. But Newcastle are not, it seems, going the way of Wolver-hampton Wanderers, Stoke City and West Bromwich Albion. are now each without a win in Their 3-2 victory at home to Nottingham Forest took their seven games following their goalless encounter at Loftus Road.

unbeaten run to seven matches and lifted them to fifteenth place The second division promotion race tightened up as none of the top four won (Oidham Athletic, the leaders, did not play) but most of the other clubs in the top half did. Leeds United Goddard repaid another sizeable portion of his £415,000 transfer fee by playing a part in all three goals against Forest, though the third will be remem-bered more for Beardsley runwere the most relieved to gain a victory after four defeats in five ning half the length of the field matches. They beat Brighton and Have Albion 3-1 at Elland to make it 3-1. Willie MeFaul commented:

forded Whiteside a goal which Not so the third by Davenport who, again following short, sharp and very sweet touches from Olsen and Whiteside, this time finished the masterpiece with a flourish of an artist's final stroke.

Villa were never so fluent, save perhaps when Siveback invited them to storm out of defence with the ball. As is his wont, he lost possession easily to Hunt and the ball was threaded through Hunt's fa-voured left foot to Thompson and he bludgeoned it home.

Davenport was taken off to be replaced by Stapleton and the game was almost lost there and then. Even a struggling Davenport was worth more than Stapleton's typical token effort. Walsh failed to punch clear a corner by Hunt - as he had for the first goal and Moses was forced to handle Thompson's ensuing header beneath the crossbar. Evans gave Walsh no chance

to atone from the penalty spot. Other opponents of United hoping to benefit from similar generosity could be dis-appointed. One senses that Ferguson, more acutely aware than his predecessor of United's weaknesses, will not tolerate the Christmas spirit

MUCH IOOGET.
ASTON VILLA: N Spiric O Norion, A Dorigo, A Evens, O Glover, S Stainrod, S Hurt, G Thompson, A Gray, & Hodge, A Deley.
MANCHESTER UNITED: G Walter, J Swebsek, M Dusbury, R Moses, K Moren, G Hogg, B Robeon, G Stractur, N Whitestoe, P Devemport (sutx F Stanleton), J Clevin.

# **Busy days** ahead for Leicester

By Chris Moore

Leicester City . Oxford United .

Leicester can look forward to Christmas with a lot more comfort and cheer after hoisting themselves out of the bottom three at Filbert Street yesterday. A stunning strike from top scorer, Smith, set up their first win in 10 games to provide a

in the space of eight days either side of Christmas, Leices-ter play Manchester United and Evertoo away, with a home Arsenal in between - surely a

Computer error.

With that in mind, plus the paltry return of only two points from their previous nine games, winning was all that mattered

winning was all that manered yesterday.

As it was they won with style, treating their lowest crowd of the season, 8,480, to an often delightful exhibition of one touch football which Oxford could never match on the frost covered ground.

The main source of their inspiration was Scottish schemer Wilson, who after instigating the opening goal in the first half, fittingly put the issue beyond doubt himself in the

73rd minute. Oxford had been denied an early lead as Andrews arched backwards to palm Dreyer's dipping free kick over the bar. But in the 38th minute Wilson sparked a marauding five-man move which prized apart the visitors' defence for Smith to gloriously sweep home his 10th goal of the season.

Wilson, after waltzing onto a return pass from Feeley, picked his spot for Leicester's second, with the industrious Sealy and substitute, Moran, wasting fur-ther clear cut chances late on. LEICESTER: 1 Andrews; \$ Morgan, M Venus, R Ceman, J O'Nell, & McAllister, A Mauchler, A Feeley (sub: \$ Moren), A Smith, I Wilson, T Seely.

OXFORD UTD: S Hardwick; D Langen, B NeDorald, J Trewick, G Brigge jeut: B McDemottl, J Drayer, R Houghton, J Aldridge, O Leworthy, T Hebberd, K Brock. Raferers J Moules.

# Five-star finish: Gough is left unmarked by Falco (background, left) and heads the goal that proved to be Tottenham's winner at White Hart Lane Lashings of effort but very little else

after the interval their assistant

manager, Theo Foley, was or-dered from the dugout and will be reported to the Football Association for foul language

and an obscene gestore towards a licesman. But whatever Mr

Foley had been saying, his not

saying it seemed to have a beneficial effect on his players because they immediately looked more businesslike.

looked more businesslike.

Ten minutes later Arsenal took the lead with a goal so simple it was almost primitive. Their goalkeeper, Lukic, booted the ball downfield and Butterfield first misjudged its path back to earth and then missed his clearance. However, his third attempt to deal with the situation—an unwise trip on the much improved Ouinn—

the much improved Quinn — was adjudged successful by the referee and Hayes nonchalantly

stroked in the penalty.

But, just when Arsenal seemed to have everything buttoned up, Drinkell ended a neat

right-wing attack with an adroit equalizer 11 minutes from time. Yet the East Anglian side do not coovince as championship chal-

lengers: they obviously lack real

coofidence and the necessary strength of playing stuff.

Arsenal, on the other hand, have something inevitable

about them. They now lead the first division by three points and are unbeaten for 14 matches.

MORWICH CITY: B Gurn; I Culverhou.
'A Spening, S Bruce, M Phelan, Butterworth, 1 Crook, K Drinkell, Biggins, R Rossnio, O Gordon.

ARSENAL: J Lukie: V Anderson, K Sanson, SWillems, O O Learly, A Adams, O Rocastio (sub; G Caesar), P Davis, N Cuinn, P Groves, M Hayes. Referee: T Miles.

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Norwich City ...

Arsenal...

There was a tout outside Carrow Road asking if anyone had tickets to seil. He had a desperate look about him like someone who had found gold on a barren mountain and had

forgotten to pack his shovel.
Such was the interest that every seat had been sold and the game was being televised live in Scandinavia. Unfamiliar advertisements for obscure saunas, the Villian Vina and the enion the Viking Line and the enig-matic legend 'Feed tuck feed' enlivened the perimeter and once, when Biggins collided heavily with the boards, two

club officials raced out to restore them to their right cameracetching angle.

Unfortunately, neither side managed to display anything like their complete range of skills and, instead of the full

smorgisbord, we were offered the footballing equivalent of Ryvin and margarine. But there were also lashings of effort, as many hopeful punts forward as you wanted, and great dollops of you wanted, and great douops of spicy tackles.

The Englishness of it all was epitomized by some appalling finishing in a first half domi-

nated by the home side. Three times Rosario found himself with only the goalkeeper to beat and oo each occasion he reacted win in 10 games to provide a mid oo each occasion ne reached a mid oo each occasion ne reached a mid oo each occasion ne reached a greate with the pin out.

Some idea of the pressure under can be gauged by the fact that soon

> Young City slickers outpace West Ham

By Steve Bates

Manchester City..... West Ham United...

For the second time in a fortnight, West Ham found their cbs mpio osh ip creden tials undermined by a struggling northern side anxious to escape

the relegation zone.
This time, Manchester City exploited United's current loss of direction to leave their man-ager, John Lyall, pinpointing a fundamental problem in the Hammers' failure both at New-

Hammers' failure both at New-castle and Maine Road.

"During our success last year we played the ball quick and sharp," observed Lyall, "But lately, our build-up has been far too slow and deliberate. It happened against City and they gave us a difficult afternoon because we struggled to compete with their pace."

with their pace."

City have certainly rediscovered their cutting edge. The speed of wingers White aged 18, and Simpson, 20, frequently left the United defence floundering, while the two central forwards, Varadi and Moulden, created the occessary havoc to lift their team off the foot of the first

Jimmy Frizzell, the City manager, wore the look of a man reprieved from the gallows as his young side delivered the

Fourth division Cardit City 2 Colchester Uts 0

victory they have been threaten-ing for some time.
"I thought White was superb. His end product is still a problem but he'll learn," said

While White's bounding enthusiasm infected the rest of City's strike force, the key to West. Ham's downfall lay with Mo-Carthy. A defender often at odds with the crowd for his ungainly style, be subdued McAvennie and Cottee with commendable authority.

Apart from two isolated mo-

Apart from two isolated mo-ments at the beginning of each half, when first Devonshire tested Suckling with a fierce drive, and theo when Martin salvaged a 46th-minute equal-izer, City were in control. Varadi had already struck a post before White scored with a low drive after 19 minutes. With West Ham's midfield anony-mous. Greatish and McNab probed constantly and it was no surprise when Varadi stooped for a 59th-minute goal. r a 59th-minute goal. The loss of Greatish failed to

of the loss of streams father to disrupt City's rhythm, and Varadi added a third goal four minutes from time.

MANCHESTER CITY: P Sucking: J Glidnen, C Wilson, K Clements, M McCarthy, A Graelish (sub: S Radmond), O White, N McNab, I Varadi, P Moulden, P Simpson. O VITED, IT PROFESSOR, OF PARKER, S PORTS, G PARTS, A Garle, A Martin, A Devonstire, M Ward, F McAvennie, P Ince, A Cottee, N Orr (sub: A Diolens).
Referee: C Seel.

# Unhappy return for Falco By Vince Wright Tottenham Hotspur....

Watford ... Mark Falco, Watford's lead-ing marksman with eight League goals, scored against his old club on an emotional return to White Hart Lane but despite this, he was more of a villain than a

hero.
Falco bad a great opportunity
for Watford, to save the game for Watford, and embarrass Tottenham, when he was put through by Bardsley's long, incisive pass in the closing stages. He snatched at the chance, bowever, and the ball flew high over the bar.

But it was Falco's negligence at the other end which was to prove more costly. Gough, the player Falco was supposed to be marking when Tottenham took 6 short right-wing corner after 42 minutes, was free to meet Hoddle's precise cross with a firm, scoring header. That goal — Gough's first for Tottenham — gave them a 2-0 interval lead and to the words of Watford's manager, Graham Taylor, "we had too big a

mountain to climb." It is to Watford's credit that after being outplayed for much of the first half they came near denying Tottenham victory. Tottenham had continued in similar vein in the second half their display would have been outstanding, instead of merely encouraging. David Pleat, their manager, admitted that one of their problems is that they find it difficult to maintain a high level of performance for 90

account in the eighth minute. His effort from outside the penalty area, after Waddle, Roberts and Clive Allen had set him up, was so sweetly struck that it

inp, was so sweetly struck that it made you wonder why he does oot shoot on sight more often. Touenham and England would surely benefit.

During this period, Tottenham attacked with style on all fronts, creating chances with almost contemptuous case, whereas Watford looked dangerous only when Barnes had the ball. However, the later

contribution of Barnes, particularly when Watford were pressing for an equalizer near the end, was disappointing.
In the second half Tottenham stopped doing all the things that

had made them effective earlier and Watford's persistence was rewarded by a goal after 70 minutes. With bis first touch, Sinnott, substituting for Callaghan, delivered a wickedly aceurate centre from the byline eurate centre from the byline and Falco rose above a cluster of defenders to head home at the far post. In an exciting finish Clemence's save from Richardson's volley and vigilant defending by Mabbutt and Gough kept Tottenham's lead intact.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence: O TOTTENHAM-HOTSPUR: R Clemence: O Thomas, M Thomes, G Roberts, R Gough, G Mabbutt, C Allen, P Allen, C Waddie, G Hoddie, A Galvin (sub: O Ardilles). WATFORD: A Colon; O Bardstey, W Rostron, K Richardson, 8 Terry, J McClelland, N Callechan (aub: L Simnott), J Barnes, M Falco, K Jackett, G Porter, Reference: M Soot.

# Children outside are sole winners threatened to reduce the match

SPORT

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By Nicholas Harling

Plymouth Argyle Derby County....

Devoo Junior Minor League under-13 Astor Division have probably never had it so good or been watched by so many. The happy consequence of Plymouth Argyle's revival brought 6 number of early arrivals to Home Park flanking the pitch outside the main entrance and the boys rose to the occasion.

Given the poverty of Argyle's subsequent play in the first-half of the main event, those eager to catch a glimpse of the future talent at the club's disposal, might have been better off

For on the day that Argyle's programme editor had unwisely programme entor had unwisely chosen to include an article criticizing the television companies for not featuring clubs such as themselves in live games, it was debatable whether there was anything better on view inside the stadium than the shot thumped outside it from 20 yards by the lad from Mayflower playing against Eggbuckland

Thankfully for Argyle and unfortunately for Derby, who deserved better, Plymouth's belated improvements, which were rewarded with a last mioute equalizer from Tynan that maintained their interest in the promotion picture, sufficed to divert attention from the lively adolescent appetizer. With Derby also making a challenge to go up, the tension

of chances created by Davison's selfless running. Since Gee, three omes, and Harbey, twice, were to either miss the target or give Cherry the chance to sign against his old club, Arthur Cox, the Derby manager, could hardly be blamed for giving one of the shortest press conferences on record, even by his succinct standards. "Well, we have only ourselves to blame for not winning the game," was his contribution.

as a spectacle. It was not helped

by a referee overfond of his

whistle, not that Terry Holbrook could be blamed for

hooking Forsyth for his scythingtackle on Hodges, which was matched later by a gruesome Matthews challenge

on Micklewhite.

By then, moments before half-

time, Micklewhite had driven Derby shead from one of a host

His demeanour was in sharp contrast to that of Dave Smith, his opposite number, and even more full of bonhomie than usual since Tynan, having scraped the bar with one header, was able to put his next one from a Matthews free kick between the uprights. None of which could conceal the fact, as Smith acknowledged, that Derby had failed to capitalize on Plymouth's off day. "We were bad. I was disappointed." PLYMOUTH ARGYLE'S Cheny, G Nisbet, L Cooper, C Goodyear, A Burrows, J Matthews, K Hodges, R Coughlin, T Tyran, J Clayton, D Rowbotham (suc: G Nelson).

Nelson). DERBY COUNTY: M Walkington; M Sage. M Foreyth, G Wallams, R Hindmarch, MacLaren, G Micklewhite, P Gee, (sub: Lillis), R Davison, J Gregory, G Harbey. Referee: T Holbrook.

# There had been 'glimpses of Hoddle's breathtaking skill even before he opened Tottenham's sweep for Argentina

From Gerry Harrison

River Plate .. Steaua Bucharest ...... 0

River Plate of Buenos Aires rounded the year off very nicely for Argentina with victory over Steama Bucharest in the World Club cup final io Japan, even though the deciding goal was scored by a Uruguayan.

It was not a pretty success at the Nadonal Stadium, based on a piece of very quick thinking and some outstanding defence. But it was enough to complete a clean sweep of major events for Argentina, the World Cup, the Copa Libertadores and this World Club title.

The quick thinking came The quick thinking came when Alonso created an opening for Alzamendi after Funes had been fouled. The forward was still going through the death throes routine when Alonso, an old head on old legs, immediately drove the ball 30 yards to the Uruguayan winger, with Steaus still gathering their forces. His first-time shot hit the post but rebounded, vis. the post but rebounded, vis the keeper, for an easy headed goal.

The defence had plenty of opportunity to demonstrate its discipline and toughness

throughout the long periods the Romaniaos pressed forward. Steaua's best chance of success seemed to have disappeared at breakfast time when Ladislau Boloni, their midfield general with 94 international caps, failed a fitness test on 6 thigh strain describe commencers. strain despite acupuncture treat-

ment here and in Beijing.

But despite his absence and that of the Seville bero, the goalkeeper, Ducadam, they goalkeeper, Ducadam, they showed great skill in many areas, except finishing. Certainly the younger players like Balint in midfield and Belodedici in defence showed real quality although Boloni summed it up differently. "We were too predictible and often too slow in midfield. They won the otte, certainly, but Anderlecht were a better side when they beat us in the European they beat us in the European Cup and Dynamo Kiev are a better side still."

As for River Plate, they could afford to be more precise. "A good result, not a good performance," was the verdict of Bambino Veira, the coach.

RIVER PLATE: Pumpido; Gutierrez, Montenegro, Gordillo, Gallego, Ruggeri, Alzamendi, Enrique, Funes, Alonso, Alfero (sub: Sperandio). Altero (sub: Speciment).

STEAUA BUCHAREST: Stingaciu; Iovan,
Barbuleccu (sub: Majean), Burbescu,
Stoca, Belodedici, Lacatu, Balan.
Piturca, Balint, Weisenbacher.
REFEREE: J Martinez (Uruguay).



"He has scored some magnifi-

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SOUTHERM LEAGUE: Premier division:
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Dardord 0; Bedworth 0, Fisher 0; Cambridge crty 4, Dudley 3; Cholmsford 0,
Saissbury 0; Folkestone 3, King 3 Lyrin 8;
Gosport 0, Redditch 0; Sheeshed 1,
Bromsgrove 3; Worcester 0, Basingstoke
0, Postponed: Crawley v Witney; Farcham
v Corby, Middland division: Grantham 8,
Rushden 0; Hednestord 5, Surton Coldfield 3; Stourbridge 1, Gloucester City
v S. Rugby 1, Learnington 9;
Weitingborough 5, Mile Oak Rovers 1;
Postponed: Banbury v Bikston: Covertry
Sporting v Merthry; Leicaster United v
Forest Green Rovers, Southern divisions
Andover 1, Ashford 3; Camerbury 1,
Burnham and Hillingdon 2; Chethem 3,
Durstable 0; Gravesand and Northfelm
1, Tonbridge 2; Hastings 2, Dover 1;
Waterlooville 1, Trowbridge 4, Postponed:
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Dorchester; Sheppey v Thanet.

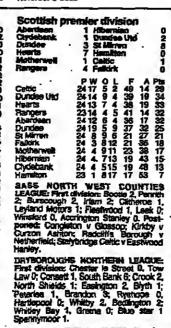


Second division









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SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Artenal 4, CPR 0; Norwich 2, Cheises 1; Southerd 1. Nillwall 1; Tettenham 5, Orient 2, Postponsed: Cambridge United v ignator; Fulham v West, Harris Portsmouth v Gilliogisam; Wattord v Charlton. Second division: Colchester 2, Bristol Rovers 1; Luton 1, Tottenham 5, Orient 3, Brighton 0; Southempton 7, Brettford 0; Swindon 4, Southempton 7, Brettford 0; Swindon 4, Southempton, Reading v Northempton.



NORTHERN PREMER: LEAGUE: Cape First round, second log: Bangor City 1, Caernerton 2 (egg 2-3); Bundon 1, Matiock 3 (agg 1-6); Chonley 3, Horwich 0 (egg 7-0); South Liverpool 0, Barrow 1 (egg 1-3); South Liverpool 0, Barrow 1 (egg 1-3); South Liverpool 0, Barrow 1 (egg 4-5); Annexident's Cap; Pirst round, second log: Gainsborrough 3, Marine 5 (egg 4-5); Macclesfield 3, Morecambe 1 (agg 5-4); Southport 2, Worksop 0 (egg 3-5); Workington 1, Burton 1 (egg 1-2). NORTH RIDING SENIOR CUP: Second round: Stockton 2. Guistianguigh 2.

Leytonstone littor v Southwick: Stance v
Unbridge. Second division north: Aveley
0, Chesham 1; Clapton 0, Ware 4: Harlow
2, Tring 1; Hornchurch 2. Bertchamsted 2;
Raintam 2. Hemsel Hempetsed 0; Royston
0, Wolverton 3; Saftron Walden 3,
Cheshuat 0; Wvenhoe 1, Latchworth 2.
Second division south: Chaldnott 5! Peter
1, Russip Manor 3; Marlow 2, Camberley
1; Molekey 2, Whytolesie 2; Newbury 2,
Fettham 1; Petersfield 0, Eastbourne
United 1; Wolding 5, Metropolitan Police 0,
Postponed: Egnam v Southes!
DURHAM CUP: First round: Swahwell 1,
Newton Ayolifie 5. Newton Ayciths 5.
WESSEX LEAGUE Bournemouth 1.
Sholing 3; Brockenhurst 4, Romeey 1;
Eastheigh 1. Road Sea 2; Portsmouth RN 6, Welfworthy 2. Postponed: Homdean v Portals; Lymington v Thatcham.
SCHOOLS: Alleyn's, Duwlich 3, South London U15 Representative XI
1; Kimbotron 0, Highgate 4. 1; Namborron V. riignigater e. Salffranciff IRISH LEAGUE Bengor 0, Glentoran 2; Cliffonnile 3, Glensvon 1; Coteraine 2, Ballymena 2; Larne 0, Distillary 0; Linfeld 2, Ards 0; Newry 2, Crusaders 1; Portadown 0, Carrick 2. OTHER MATCH: Bradford City 2, England XI 1.

POOLS CHECK

# ork miss final for first time in 135 years

From Keith Wheatley

Fremantle Dennis Conner is out of the America's Cup - so, for thefirst time in 135 years, the New York Yacht Club will not be involved in the final round of the most famous trophy in yachting.

Conner created a \$20 million syndicate pledged to return the cup to New York, where it had rested from 1851 until the Australians won it three years ago. He was favourite to keep that promise when the elimination trials began ten weeks ago, but now he has failed to reach even the semi-finals to decide

the challenger.

For the third time since October the opstarts from Auckland yes-terday beat America II, skippered by John Kolius. This time it meant the end. America II lies fifth in the

points table and cannot return.

America II led for the first five legs of a race, started late in shifty, fluking breezes. Half way up the third work to windward, the Kiwis struck with the brutality of a magger using an iron bar. Chris Dickson crossed from port and passed for the first time in the race ahead of the bow of America II. Disdainfully he declined to cover the American boat, sailing off in the freshening breeze. Clearly, Dick-son had the pace to take the lend.

A contributory factor could have been a rig problem aboard America II. On the downwind, leg, she had a crewman aloft working on the port checkstay and upwind may have been obliged to favour one tack at the expense of another.

America II's loss means that the four semi-finalists for the Louis Vuitton Cup are: New Zealand, Stars and Stripes, French Kiss and USA. America II is fifth and White Crusader, of Britain, sixth. A month ago, both these last two were regarded as virtual certainties for the final four, while French Kiss and USA looked unreliable each-

The race between those two boats was also a cliff-hanger in the early stages. French Kiss won the start and led handsomely up the first leg. Thereafter the fired-up Tom Blackaller took charge, his boat soaring away as the breeze freshened.

After his vital win over America II on Saturday, Blackaller had been profoundly sceptical about the outcome of the New Zealand v America II race. He said the New Zealanders would prefer to lose because it increased the likelihood of America II coming fourth and meeting them in the semi-final - a soft option from their point of view, compared with the improving USA.

Blackaller, a braggart with charm and talent, put his money where his considerable mouth is and offered Michael Fay, chairman of the New Zealand syndicate, a \$5,000 bet that the Kiwis would lose the 'Big Race.' Fay never accepted, but Colin Reynolds. chairman and chief executive of the Chase Corporation, one of New Zealand's top five companies, accepted on his behalf and is now that much richer. He was also prudent enough to translate the bet to US

Easterly winds prevailed and the race was postponed nearly two hours and started into 12 knots. The start was dead equal after preoltory rather than truly aggressive.

At the top mark, having picked shifts and lifts very well, Kolius was 22sec in front. At the bottom mark,

the margin had increased to over a minute and America II's boat speed was appreciably higher. Cynicism among the Blackaller supporters reached new highs. By the second beat, the breeze

had swung 200 degrees and had dropped to eight knots. It was a leg where Dickson picked the lifts perfectly, mostly on the right of a course that was calm as a mirror. His top mark margin was just 18sec adrift of the New York boat. Nothing changed much down the

two reaches, America II stretching a second or two but fighting with rig problems. The breeze freshened and steadied the whole time. On the third leg, it was 16 knots and New Zealand was beginning to come on song. Kolins simply did not have the speed to hold off the New Zealandow. Zealanders. It prompted one to consider what a superb job he has done up until now, holding off the opposition with a very average piece of work under his feet.

America II is the third boat from the board of Sparkman and Stevens chief designer Bill Langan. Within the syndicate, it has been an article of faith that there would be no breakthrough boat in this cap. Given that premise, the innate conservatism of the Langan designs was thought not to matter - possihly they would even be an asset

from California. In keels they did make a breakthrough. Over a year ago, Langan and his team came up with the 3.6 m wingspan monsters that work so well off Fremantle. But in the intervening year, espionage, plus the clear blue seas off Fremantie, made the concept available and most major challengers and defenders now sport similar appendages.

against forward-rudder cowboys

Kolius and John Bertrand, his tactician, are among the best match-racers sailing in Fremantle. Their defeat makes flesh the unthinkable.

On the Defender course, Kooka-burra II handed out a five-minute defeat to Australia IV. It was a sound victory, but not the drubbing it appeared since Australia IV was

caught on the wrong side of the major wind shift and lost four minutes on the final beat. Kookaherra III defeated Steak 'n' Kidney. but once more it was narrow.

CHALLENGER SERIES: fizika bit Eagle, 36sect USA bit French Kiss, 1:51: New Zealand hit America II, 15: White Crusader bit Heart of America, 3:48; Stars and Stripes bit Azzurra, 4:11: Carada II bit Challenge France (scr).

CHALLENGER STANDINGS

TODAY'S RACES: CHALLENGER SERIES: USA 
v New Zeatand: Cerrada II v Heart of America; 
lata v French Kiss: America II v Challenge 
France: Azzurra v Eagle: White Crusader v Stars 
and Stripes.

DEFENDER SERTES: Kookaburra II bt Australia IV, Smin 10sec, Kookaburra III bt Steak 'n' Kichey 2min 54sec.

DEFENDER STANDINGS

**TENNIS** 

# Edberg and Jarryd save their best until last

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Stefan Edberg and Anders mance was all the more Jarryd, runners-up for the gratifying because Jarryd, French championship, have since Wimhledon, has had two won the Nahisco Masters Doubles twice in the same year. They triumphed in New subjected his keep York last January and the tests oo court. event was then merged with the annual doubles at Londoo's Royal Albert Hail. where Edberg and Jarryd beat Guy Forget and Jannick Noah

During this year's graod prix doubles series, including year-end boouses, Edberg has won about £76,000 and Jarryd £67,000. Both figures put together come oowhere near Forget's lotal of roughly £232,000, because the Frenchqualified for a boous oot far

defeated Jonas B Svensson, of

Sweden, in the best of five sets

fioal, 7-6, 7-6, 6-3.
Becker, ranked No. 2 in the

world, eollected \$30,000 (£21,130) for the win and received the trophy from the

Stuttgart mayor, Maofred Rom-

mel, soo of the famous World

Svensson, ranked No. 23, received \$20,000 as ruooer-up.

Becker confessed he was oer-vous before the match. He was

beaten by Mel Purcell in the first

round of a tournament in Hamburg last September, the

last time he played to Germany.
"I wanted to finish the year with

Svensson began in struggle

Italy's men skiers made a clean sweep of the World Cup giant

slalom on home ground at La Villa yesterday the day after their top downhill runner, Mi-

chael Mair, had had victory

snatched from bim at Val Gardena hy Boh Boyd, of

Pirmin Zurbriggen, of

For Pramotton, 22, from

Courmayeur, it was his second coosecutive giant slalom wio

and moved him inin third place in the overall World Cup coo-

test. But it was a victory narrowly achieved for his team

colleagues, Alberto Tomba and Oswald Toetsch finished just

0.23sec and 0.28sec behind him.

On Saturday, the home hope Mair missed victory by 0.14sec in the downhill. The unheralded

Boyd, who is 20, silenced the

prematurely celebrating Italian

spectators by hurtling down the

World Cup Alpine champion, completed a pmfitable weekend

by yesterday wioning the first

super giant sialom of the women's season at Val d'Isère -

and her first ever - after her

second places io the downhills

oo Friday and Saturday.

A clean sweep by the Swiss

women was foiled by the io-

form Catherine Quittet, of France, who got io froot of Vreni Schneider and Michela

Figini. Saturday's downhill wioner, Laurie Graham, of Canada,

was well out of the running,

placed only 27th of 85 starters.

It was the 12th win of

Switzerland, held on to his overall World Cup lead despite

falling at La Villa

SKIING

Three Italians atone

for downhill defeat

War II general.

operations on his left knee. Only in the past mooth has he subjected his knee to rigorous

miod for this tournament. He was not expecting a lot, and merely tried to do his best. 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 in yesterday's That turned out to be very good indeed. "This was one of the best matches we have ever played together," he said. "They dido't really have a chance to break us." Edberg

puppy at play (just watch out for the teeth). The tall, pale, inscrutable Edberg — a Hamlet without words - was so gracefully good when serving. or when darting this way and that at the oet like a gull swooping oo its prey, that one wondered how any man who looks so sleepy can be so

consistent with their returns, more subtle and assured in their use of the angles. The Frenchmen joined them, rather less efficiently, in lateral rallies played within two or three yards of the net. At such delectable moments the sound of ball on racket was no more than a murmur. All the capacity crowd needed - but did not get - was a eloser match.

short of the amount he won in prize-money. All those figures concern doubles alone.

Edberg and Jarryd improved every day, whereas the Frenchmen were going off the boil by the time they reached by the rest of his game.

The Swedes differed more than Swedes differed more than Swedes usually do. Jarryd is stringy and restlessly aggressive — rather like a large.

# HOCKEY

Bevan, who had an outstanding game in Devon's goal, thwarts Worcestershire's Chandhry (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Third win for young master

match io the next game as the Swede hit a back-hand deep off

ager, Ioo Tiriac, and his girlfriend, Benedicte.

Becker used his powerful quite a bit and I'm not 15 or 16 any more," said Becker, aged 19. "Bosch and Tiriac will still be serve to dominate the two tie-breaks, although he woo the first one more narrowly, by seven points to five, using his pateoted with me next year, but io a lesser capacity." Becker denied there were any major disagreements. Becker was impressed with

and in the three previous down-hills this year lagging between 40th and 49th places.

said:"Nobody is more surprised

Boris Becker, of West Germany, won his third consecutive Waterford Crystal Young Masters title yesterday when he late in the second set, and the tie-break went to Becker more easily, by seven points to one.

The West German took com-

point for me," Svensson said.
"Now I know if I play well, I can

the Young Master's treble. "Af-Becker first emerged as a star

PESILTS: Semi-finale: B Becker (WG) bt E Jelen (WG), 6-3, 6-4; J Svensson (Swe) bt K Cartsson (Swe) 6-0, 6-4. Final: Becker bt Svensson 7-6, 7-6, 6-3.

# Knott in the nick of time

By Sydney Friskin

Worcestershire...

(after extra-time; score after 70

A goal by David Knott, from a cleverly worked short corner three mioutes from the end of extra time, enabled Worcestershire to beat Devon at Willesden in the final yesterday and regaio the county championship they had woo two seasons ago. This was a more entertaining

metch than the two semi-finals on Saturday but, whereas the approach work of both sides was commendable, the finishing was sppalling Worcestershire, after taking an early lead, threw away three easy chances late io the first-half. They lost their way midway through the secood yielded to mounting pressure by Devon and came back strongly lowards the end of normal time Devon, after equalizing, could themselves have snatched the

The combined efforts of Mallett and Maskery, so marked a feature of Worcestershire's 2-0 victory over Cheshire the pre-

idence again in the fourth minute yesterday with Mallett setting up a chance for Maskery to swerve past the advancing goalkeeper and score. The response from Devoo

and, from two of them. Steve Taylor in the Worcestershire goal made good saves from Roger Shobrook and Graham Skinner, Bevan, the Devoo goalkeeper, who had an outstanding game, saved well from Chaudhry two minutes before half-time, but he was lucky a little earlier wheo a shot by Maskery from Mallett's back

pass went adrift.

Devon, who began the second-half with an abortive short eorner, pushed up their workrate and drew level in the 16th minute of this period, Robert Skinner scoring from Roger Shobrook's square pass.
Five minutes later, Graham
Skinner miscued from five yards out and this proved too

costly a lapse. There was an equal show of self-condemnation at the other when Chaudhry, Worcestershire's hard-working the first-half was sufficient to right half, put a shot horribly give Devon a 1-0 win over Kent.

### Midland shire, thus having regained the initiative, held it until the end of normal time. They were de-prived of a goal to the first Staffordshire won the Natperiod of extra time when Bevan made a brilliant save from Knott at a short corner. But

ional Women's County Cham-Lancashire I-O (Joyce White-head writes). Jane Swinnertoo scored from a penalty stroke in the first half when Staffordshire were dominant. Their goal had a charmed life in the second half. but the defence stood firm and with 100 per cent concentration they kept their goal intact. Staffordshire last won the championship in 1981. In the cross-over matches. Suffolk beat Avon for fifth and

sixth places respectively, in an unexciting game. The South derby, for third and fourth places, between Middlesex and Middlesex's favour with a goal

Middlesex's favour with a go; hy Anne Green. FRIAL PLACINGS: 1. Staffordshire; Lancashire; 3. Middlesex; 4. Berkshire; Suffolk; 8. Avon. NESULTS: Setunday: Staffordshire Middlesex 2. Avon 1; Lancashire; Berkshire 0; Staffordshire 0, Avon. Lancashire 1. Suffolk 1. Sunday; Suffol 2. Avon 1; Middlesex 1, Berkshire

shire 1, Lancachica 1

# hit and

previous day, Britain's Euro-

second, and he was only a shade slower in taking sixth place in

on Saturday by a three bun-dredths of a second taught him an important lesson that he must keep an eye oo all around him. It was in concentrating on the challenge from the third-placed Swede, Anders Holmertz, that allowed Zoltan Szilagyi of Hungary in snatch

was shown when he set the new British record for the event in the heats, at 3min 46.8sec.

the heats, at 3 min 46.8 sec.

RESULTS: Menz 100m freestyle: 1, 8
Caron (Fr), 48.62 sec; 200m backstroker.

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breaststroke: 1, R Beab (WG) 1.01.30; 3,
A Moorhouse (GB), 191.83, 200m bartierBy: 1, V varoschuk (USSR), 1.56.89; 4, T
Jones (GB), 240.86 5, 400m freestyle: 1,
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varoschuk (USSR), 4.14.55, 200m individual mediey; 1, V varoschuk (USSR),
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1.69.87, 200m breestyle: 7, S Caron (Fr),
1.67.86; 6, K Boyd (GB), 14.87, 70, 100m
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2.18.59, 3, A Moorhouse (GB), 214.54,
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4x100m treestyte relay: 1, W Germany, 3.40.46, Women: 200m freestyte: 1, C Prurier (Fr), 1min 59.37-sec. 100m beckstroke: 1, S Schicht (WG). 1.02.58. 200m breast stroke: 1, P Louvrier (Fr), 2.30.14; 4, J Hill (GB), 2.32.35. 100m britserfie: 1, K Gressler (EG), 1.00.23; 7, C Foot (GB), 1:02.45, 800m treestyte: 1, G Flochter (EG), 1.00.23; 7, C Foot (GB), 1:02.45, 800m treestyte: 1, G Flochter (EG), 2.00m treestyte: 1, G Stanley (GB), 4.44,72, 100m freestyte: 1, A Versiappen (Neth), 55.83, 200m beckstroke: 1, K Zimmermism (EG), 1.12.27, 100m backstroke: 1, P Louvrier (Fr) 1.09.41; 4, J Hill (GB), 1.10.99, 200m backstroke: 1, B Weigding (EG), 2.10.40, 460m treestyte: 1, A Mohining (EG), 4.09.44; 5, G Stanley (GB), 4.13, 11.200m irrelividual medley: 1, Tocchmi (II), 2.14.27; 3 – J Hill (GB), 2:16.57, 4x100m freestyte relay: 1, W Germany, 3.43.81

# FOR THE RECORD

### Warrington; Wigan and Widnes win By Keith Macklin

said: "Nobody is more surprised than me".

Olant St.A.OM: (Le VBa): 1, -R Pramotton (it, 2min 45.28sec; 2, A Tomba (it), 245.49; 3, O Toetsch (it), 245.54; 4, ? Stermark (Swe): 245.60; 5, H Pieren (Switz): 245.72; 8, R Erlacher (it), 245.90; 7, F Wörnd (WG): 246.07; 8, H Enn (Austria): 246.33; 9 equal, M Eder (WG) and B Gistein (Austria): 246.78; 11, H Stuffer (WG): 247.04; 12, Y Tavernier (Fr): 247.22; 13, M Tonazzi (it): 247.53; 14, J Schick (WG): 247.69; 15 M Wasmeler (WG): 247.61; St Helens and Warringtoo produced a magnificent game of cup tie Rugby League at Knowsley Road, and in a thrilling floish, Warrington scored two late tries and held out against strong Saints' pressure.

Io a see-saw game punctuated by hrutal tackling and superb handling, Warrington led 14-8 at hatfairme, with tries made by Scrack (WG), 247.09: 15 m Washer (WG), 247.61.

DOWNHILL: Val Gardene: 1, B Boyd (Can), 2mn 01.76sec; 2, M Mair (N), 201.90: 3, M Washerir (WG), 2:01.97: 4, F Heinzer (Switz), 2:02.56: 5, P Müller (Switz), 2:02.57: 8, P Zurbriggen (Switz), 2:02.69: 7, B Stemmle (Can), 2:02.70: 8, H Höffehner (Austria), 2:02.98; 10 equal, C Carlomer (Switz), A Staardel (Nor) and L Stock (Austria), 2:03.09; 13, P Winsberger (Austria), 2:03.13; 14, N Henning (Swe), 2:03.23: 15, S Windomber (WG), 2:03.25. Brideh: 22, M Bett, 2:03.58: 86, N Smith, 2:06.03: 75, R Duncan, 2:06.09 at half-time, with tries made by the inspiring Boyd for Johnsoo

56. N Smart, 256.53; 75, N Duncen, 256.09
Overall World Cup standings: 1.
Zurbriggen, 85 pts; 2. Wasmeier, 78; 3.
Pramotion, 73; 4. Müller, 62; 5. Hernzer, 51; 8. Stock, 43; 7. Erfacher, 38; 6. Stemmark, 37; 8. Mär, 35; 10, K Alpiger (Switz), 34; 11, M Girardotti (Luc), 33. Halliwell and Haggerty, and a goal from Ledger gave St Helens the lead at 20-14, but tries from Forster and Meadows, gave Warrington the edge at 22-20.

Wigan had to fight all the way against Leigh tackling and had to be cootent with a 6-2 win, Harnley second the only to Walliser's weekend Maria Walliser, Switzerland's and thrust her well clear in the

overall World Cup standings. Hamley scored the only try. Widnes endured a Barrow second-half revival before a late SUPER GIANT SLALONE Vall d'Islane 1, M Walliser (Fr) 1:23.81; 3, V Schneider (Switz) 1:23.87; 4, M Fight (Switz) 1:23.93; 5, M Gerg (WG) 1:24.07; 6, B Ochoe-Fernandez 1:24.59; 3, 8 Eder (Austria) 1:34.85; =9 C Maier (WG) and T McKinney (US) 1:24.96; 11, B Ortl (Switz) 1:25.00; 12, T Hacher (WG) 1:25.14; 13, A-F Rey (Fr) 1:25.19; =14 T Pillinger (US) and M Mogore (Fr) 1:25.20 try by McKenzie gave them a 16-6 margin, and Garry Scho-field scored a trehle as Hull beat Bradford Northern 20-8.

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL, TROPHY: One-ter-finels: Sahaday: Bradford Northern 6, Hull 20, Yesterday: Barrow 6, Widnes 16; St. Helens 20, Warrington 22; Wigen 6, Leich 2

1:25.20
DOWNHILL: Val d'Isère: 1, L Graham
(Can) Tinèn 26.42sec; 2, Waliser 1:27.14;
3, Quitet 1:27.45, 4, 0 Armstrong (US)
1:27.60; 5, L Savijarvi (Can) 1:27.74; 8,
Pülinger 1:27.88; 7, Meler 1:27.90; 8, R
Mosenlechner (WG] 1:27.81; 8, Gerg
1:28.04; = 10, H Zurbriggen (Switz) and M
(kphi (WG) 1:28.95; 12, K Delago (I)
1:28.18; 13, H Zeller (Switz) 1:28.31; 14, C
Emonet (Fr) 1:28.38; 15, Ortl 1:28.45.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL UNITED STATES: National Langue (NPL): Plasburgh Stations 45, New York Jets 24. Denver Brongos 31, Washington Radiating 21 BASKETBALL

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UNITED STATES: Netforal Association (NBA): Detroit Pietora 119. Los Anguier Laters 114: Gereland Cavaliers 123, Philadelphia 76ers 120: Boston Cettics 105, Washington Buffets 96; Atlanta Harkes 122, New York Knicks 110: Indiana Paters 95, New Jersey Nets 91; Allwayse Bucks 113. Chicago Buffe 96; Golden State Wanners 117, San Antonio Sours 102; Houston Rodges 119, Sacramenno Kinga 106; Phoenis Sure 123, Denver Huggest 119; Until Jazz 115, Los Anguies Cippers 100: Deles Maywricks 125, Scient 23, Destry Rams 20; Housespare Bolton 94 (Creeby 41). Gelderdies Explainers 81 (Bunk 33): Destry Rams 30 (Cole 24). Bermington Sullets 84 (Shoulders 23); Hernel and Watford Royals 101 (Resents 125; Lecusor Fictors 105) (Young 41). Second deletors 117 Group Cleveland 119, Jeet Rentals Rhondda 112; Phyrouth Raiders 85; Olchem Cettics 91; Westers BOP London 128, Charmos Derby 54; BCP London 13, Polycel Kingston 61; Hernel/Watford Rebels 57, Stockport Lowolds 87; Avon Northampton 95, Largeth Lady Toposts 67, Anthony Chris 11, Second 128, Polycel Kingston 61; Hernel/Watford Rebels 57, Stockport Lowolds 87; London 73, ROYANA 73, Tyboo Sneffield 51; Avon Northampton 95, Largeth Lady Toposts 67, Geograf America 134, Magnum 57; Publick 73, Geograf America 148, Magnum 57; Publick 73, Geogra

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BOWLS PRIDENTIAL LIBERTY TROPHY: (Indeer county championship): Second reuser Yorks 55. Northumberland 134; Durham 134. Curbrian 134. Northumberland 135; Durham 134. Curbrians 124. Northumberland 155. Somerset 124. Outcombiare 124. Northumberland 155. Watshire 124; Surrey 109. Kent 122; Hampshire 114. Middlegest 115.

CRICKET SHEFFIELD SHELD: At Sydney: Se day: Western Australia 133 for 3 (M Veler no); New South Wates 345. CYCLO-CROSS

SOCA RATON, Picrider Clarysine PGA Invitation team toursement: Third rosed leaders:
(AI US): 185: Mulbert and R Tway. 186: B
Fauch and O Hepter, 186: G History and S
Hoch. 185: C Rose and T Smasson. 196: P
Lindsey and M McComber. 191: O Forsman
and A North, O Briggs and L Rinter, J
Nicktaus and J Nicktaus Jiv. 182: J Adams
and G Bryant, J Mudd and M O'Gray, R
Glider and J Imman, O Barr and R Essivood.
195: C Botling and B Fabel. R Cramer and O
Jones, R Magis and O Pospies, S Bowman and
O Ogrin.
NAHA, Jepser Dailiye Open toursement:
Final scores: (Japon unless stated): 277: T
Czaki, K Art; 278: 1Aok), M Kuramoto; 278: S
Karel-Heson. Min-nen. (Telven); 280: A
Loguch, K Takshashi; 287: H Mesthal, Y
Yokashara.

HANDBALL UTRECHT, Netherlander Women's world chemplonships: Pleaf playoffs: Pith place: Romanis 28, Yugostavis 26, Seventh place: W Germany 18, Rungary 17. Eleventh place: S Korea 31, Austria 20.

HOCKEY

INER'S COUNTY CRUSS TO THE STREET OF T C.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedard Q, Norfelk Wanderers D, Brentwood Q, Bueharts 2; Ford 1, Cambridge City 3; beach 2, Bury S: Edmants 1; St. Neuts D, Brochourne S; Westchill 2, Premior-

Neots II. Brochourne S; WestCatt Z, Prestron-ough Town 3.

MCSWANS LAKER SCUTH LEAGUE: Pre-reier division: Indian Gyminham 4, Oxford Hawks C; Lawes 3, Bognor 4; Martow 0, Eastbole 1, Regional leaguest Middle, Berton, Backs, Cason: Harrow 7own Sverss 2, City of Oxford 6; Hayes 1, Brackers 2: Sunbury 2, Ameritam 3, Kant Standers 2: Sunbury 2, Ameritam 3, Kant Standers 2: Sunbury 3, Oxfor Williamscripers 6; Lloyde Barik 2, Martien Russetts 1; Madistone 0, Oxfordiners 3; Thamse Poly 1, Oxford Boodinshams 1; Wor-shing 1, Trophytics 1, Hassessine/Sommer Thamse Poly 1, Old Secolalmans 1; Worthing 1, Trohridge 1, Hampshire/Surrey; Barnes 1, Watton 0; Met Police 1, Net West Bank 0; Old Mio-White/State 0, Windhester 1; Southampton-Liner 2, Bourhamouth 2; US Portsmouth 0, Camberley 3, Wolfelber COUNTY CANAPTONESHIP: Restoral Greats as Picketts Lock, Edmonsmithidiaesex 1, Staffondshire 4, Surfox 1, Berkshire 5, Avon 1, Middlesex 2; Berkshire 0, Lancashire 2, Staffondshire 9, Avon 0; Lancashire 1, Surfox 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE CARCASSONNE, France: Internets France C. Australia 52. SKI JUMPING

LAKE PLACED, US: World Cag: 90 motre competition: 1. V Orgas (Nor). 222.5 pts: 2. C Vetton (Austria). 221.4: 3. P. Ulaga (Ng). 219.4: 4. T Yinuili (Yug). 215.8: 5. O Feliestol (Nor). 207.7: 5. T (Rauser (NG). 207.2: 7.

TABLE TENNIS of Schrein (Fr.) of 1 Myceses (ARD) 21-12, 2-16; Yoo Nam-I-rou (S. Korese) to Z. Kriston (Hum) 21-18, 25-22; Secretin to Ahn 21-18, 24-22; Yoo bt Paraky 24-22, 21-19; Myszaldi bt Krieton 21-13, 17-21, 21-17; Secretin to Yoo 21-16, 21-15, 21-18, 21-15, 21-15, 21-16, 21-15; Annot Krieton 21-13, 17-21, 21-17; Secretin to Yoo 21-16, 21-15; Annot Krieton 21-13, 21-15, 21-15; Annotatin (Polt, 21-18, 21-15, 21-15, 21-15, 21-15, 21-15, 21-15; Annotatin (Polt, 21-18, 21-15, 21-15, 21-16, 21-15; Annotatin (Free, 21-16, 21-15; Annotatin (Free, 21-16, 21-15; Annotatin to Yean, 21-17, 21-16; Annotatin to Yean, 21-17, 21-16; Annotatin to Yean, 21-17, 21-16; Annotatin to Yean, 21-17, 21-12; Annotatin to Yean, 21-17, 21-12; Annotatin to Yean, 21-17, 21-12; Annotatin (Chira) to Linch, 21-16, 21-18; Women's reseastin Al Chiber Asia 5, Europe 1, Jiao Zhiham (Chira) to Mi Hradchova (Cz), 21-17, 21-15; Sereibarg (Ph) to Del Lis (Chira), 23-21, 9-21, 21-19; U Bun Hul (Norse) bt Foliatova (USSR), At Ussasansiya: Asia 5, Europe 1, 40, 14-16, 14-1

Knott had his moment of glory.

later when he drove a hard shot past Bevan from Mallett's in-

WORCESTERSHIRE S Taylor (Stour-port): O Knott (Stour-port), G Lamb (Stour-port), N Cataudiny (Pickwick), W Sedgwick (Bournville), M Evans (Stour-port), P Marshall (Bournville), N Mallett (Bournville), C Maskery (Stough), K Partington (Stough), J McPhun (Stour-port, autr. G Ogle, Worcester).

DEVON: A Bevan (Gloucester City); T Shobrook (Plymouth, sub: N Bower, Isca), K Baker (Exeter Crickets), M Tramfett (Isca), J Mouter (Isca), sub: B Lawry, Isca), G Skriner (Isca), K Woodman (Tauntion Vale), R Shobrook (Plymouth), P Cooper (Plymouth), R Skinner (Isca), M Rodgers (Isca).

lo Saturday's semi-finals,

Mallett and Maskery scored a goal io each balf to give Worcestershire their 2-0 victory

over Cheshire. A goal by Robert Skinner io the 20th minute of

cisive pass.

SNOOKER BRISTOL: Tolly Alea English championship: First round: M. Fisher (Bedford) II: Whethered (Hamefold) 6-3; P. Gibson (Notting-ham) bt O Fauches (Hameford) 6-3; J. Wilgol-(London) b. D. Chalmers (Beyshall) 6-5; B. Bernest (Southampton) bt N. Olbert (Bedford)

ICE HOCKEY ORTH AMERICA: Nellocal Langue (MHL): sturday: New York Istanders 4, New Jersey: vrts 2: Quebe: Nordiques 7: Buffels Saferies Varcouvier Canocks 2, Hantord Whaters 2: dt; Boston Brusts 4, Montreal Canadians 2: th; St Louis Blass 4, Chicago Blacktranks 4 dt, Minnecota North Sare 5, Philadelphia, vers 4; Calgary Flames 8, Sacramento Montreal -Triday: Problem 19 Progues 8, Toronto logis Leefs 3; Edmonton Ollers 8, Winnipag. 195 1. Saylis 2: Quebec Versas

CROSS-COUNTRY SKING COOME, Italy: World Cop competition: 15 1. G Svan (Swo), 36:05.7; 2. T Morgran (S 36:24.00; 3, V Smerrov, (USSR), 36:31.7.

STOCKTON: Clovetend open champions Men's semi-finale: N Harrison by O Smith 8-4, 9-7; N Evans bt K Carr 6-9, 8-7, 9-4, Womate: L Hell tot J Hope 9-3, 9-6, 9-9 Snciair bt D Conway 8-2, 1-8, 9-8, 8-0. VOLLEYBALL

THE ROYAL SANK SCOTTSH CUP: Hen, whird round: MMs 3 Cartule 1; Team File 1 Kinisth 3; Keyplant 3 Garage 0; Trimby 0 Scottish Farm 3; Belstin 3 Pusing II 0; Less Kithride 3 Gissgow Bannerman 0; Krystel Kilear 3 Faton Electrical 0, WOMEN, second round: Felicit 0 Scottish Farm 3; Larbert 3 Alternative 0; Cartule 3 Finnise 8 of 0; Wildert 3 Pentiles 0; Corrule 3 Finnise 8 of 0; Wildert 3 Pentiles 0; Corrule 3 Finnise 8 of 0; Wildert 3 Pentiles 0; Oyal 0 Finnise Sport 3; Invertibgle 3 Bronnock 0.

ATHLETICS ATHLETICS
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS: Burkshire, et Paseding, Men, eight miles. 1, J Carowell (Bracknell) 41 min 22 sec; 2. E Curwingham (Aldershiot) 41 35; 3. S Dutier (Reading) 41.42. Teams: 1 Bracknell) 5 points. 2 Reading 72. S Windoor 76. Wessen, four miles: 1 S Serry (Bracknell) 23 min 19 sec. 2 M Samy (Bracknell) 23 min 19 sec. 2 M Samy (Bracknell) 23.32. 3 F Howe (Reading) 24.42.

Essex, at Leight-on-Sex: Bless, 7 miles: 1 N Tyler (Havering) 38 min 46 sec. 2 S Lamb (Sassidon) 39.03. 3 R Woodby (Wolverhampton) 39.03. 3 R Woodby (Wolverhampton) 39.03. Teams: Bless, 7 miles: 1 M Schatter (BEC Avionics) 40. 31. Teams: 1 GEC Avionics 73. 2 Tonbridge 110. 3 Daritord 128.
Middlesex, at Resistic; Mes., 7 miles: 1 J Gooter (Shaftestory Burnel) 38.32. 3 M Phipot (Hillingdon) 36.50. Teams: 1 Singtony Barnel 111 pis. 2 Thernes Valley Harriers 125. Starrey, at Fritishey: Mes., 7 miles: 1 J Glorider.

Sorrey, at Friedey: Men. 7 miles: 1 J Glacketz (Belgrave) 32 min 33 sec. 2 C Hersely (Wolsing) 32-41, 3 R Treaches! Surrey Bengrave) 32-41, 3 R Treaches! Surrey Bengrave 96, 5 Bouthel 119, Woman, a miles: 1 S Bejnes (Aktienthot) 23 min 15 sec. 2 B Salley (Kromiey, Ladies) 23, 46, 3 B Lanthern (Matcham and Suston) 24 min. Teams 1 Aktienthots 47, 2 South London 14.

Sussez, Jet lancing: Mass, 5 miles; 1 T histohings (Crawley) 4f mm 53 sec. 2 A Bristow (Brighton) 43.50, 3 M Wheeler (East Frincescol 44.17, Team: 1 Brighton and Hove 60 pts. 2 Crawley 62 S Brighton and Hove B 66. STIRLING: Outpdrangular International coses-country match: Man, 5 saliser: 1 C Robison (Soot), 25min 22;sec, 2 T Mitchell (Soot), 25min 22;sec, 2 T Mitchell (Soot), 25min 22;sec, 3 I Steel (Soot), 25min 24;sec, 3 I Steel (Soot), 25min 25;sec, 3 I Steel (Soot), 25min 25;sec, 3 Combined Sootish Universities, 141; 4 Civil Service Select 188; Woman, 25 milliars 1 C Price (Soot) 15min 18;sec, 2 P Rother (Soot) 15min 48;sec. Trains: 1 Scotland 1 lpts; 2 Combined Sootish Universities 38.

GURLDFORD: Hoge Back 11% miles: 1 G Payne (Basidon) 54min tidsec; 2 J Boyes (Bournemouth) 54.02: 3 K Parry (Cambridge 4) 54.12 Ventran: G Ooder (Higheste H) 57.49secs. Team: 1 Cembridge H, 66jots; 2 Las Croupler, 65; 3 Guiddroft, 156, Wester: 1 G Penny (Cambridge H) 625.1: 2 R Ette (Buggliers) 64.59; 3 A Rawlings (Greeborough) 57.07.7eas; 1 London Chym-riads, 30his.

Unwin back

Ken Unwin, who moved aside to let Mike Wattersoo take over as chairman of Chesterfield in a boardroom reshuffle in the summer, has been re-appointed chairman of the third divisioo club. It followed the resignation of Watterson, who split the board when he announced last month the cluh was for sale. The other four directors later issued a statement of denial.

comes the better By Pat Butcher Athletics Correspondent The demise of the British Amateur Athletic Board, 10 be subsumed within the new United Kingdom Athletic Federation, cannol come soon enough oo the evidence of vesterday's annual general Theoretically on the crest of a wave of success following the eight gold medals in the European Championships in Stuttgart, and with the indoor season barely a month away, the Board

ATHLETICS

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barely a month away. The bard have yet to find an opponent for the international at Cosford on January 31, a meeting that is due to be televised.

It was also revealed that although £100,000 creamed off the inp of the television and marketing contract and a direct contribution of £60,000 from the Amateur Athletic Associarion, had turned a poteotial
amassive deficit of £147,000"
into a small surplus of £9,000 for
the period ended September 30,
the situation would have been even sicker if the board had not "earned" £100,000 as its perceotage from the administra-

tion of athletes' subventions.

Dr Mike Turner, the treasurer, must be applauded for the clarity of his exposiooo of the accounts, in contrast in former incumbents of the post, and his candour in admitting that the situation was far from favourable, despite the huge amounts that were coming in in the sport.
The general attitude is that.

despite recent grants, not enough money is being allocated in developing the grass roots of the sport, a point which Phil Johnson, chairman of the Eng-lish southern counties, took up when he referred to the £8.000 for administrating five area coaches as "a niggly sum com-

pared in the amount of work being done".

The board's policy of pre-selection for 1987 events, to be announced later this week, is generally sound, Linford Chris-ie, Yvoone Murray and Geoff Parsons, gold, silver and brooze medal winoers respectively at last year's European Indoor Championships, are likely to be nominated in advance for Lièvin. Northern France, oo February 21-22, as is Todd Bennett, former holder of the indoor 400 metres world best. and Colio Jackson, world junior high hurdles champion. But the pre-selection for the second IAAF World Champion-

ships in Rome in August is bound to attract criticism. The seven individual title holders from Stuttgart are being proposed for pre-selection, when Sebastian Coe has made it quite clear that his champiooship career at 800 metres is over.

And how could Steve Ovett and Tessa Sanderson be ignored when the athletes they beat to win their Commoowealth titles. Jack Buckner and Fatima Whitbread, went on in their absence, to win in Stuttgart?

SWIMMING

# **Britons** in miss form

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From Roy Moor Malmö

Adrian Moorhouse, so keen to establish himself the undisputed oumber one breaststroke swim-mer in the world, had another sharp reminder in the European Cup tournament here on Sun-day that there is much hard As over the 100 metres the

peao and Commonwealth champion from Leeds was again forced in finish third-best in the 200 metres breaststroke final yesterday. This time, the Soviet Union's Valeriy Lozik took the title in 2mio 13.59sec, with the West German Bert Goebel edg-ing Moorhouse out of second place hy seveo hundredths of a second, with 2:14.47. Kevin Boyd, the powerful 6ft 5io South Typeside medical studeor, was again in British

studeol. was again in Brills.n. record-breaking form oo Sunday in wiooing his way through to the final of the 200 metres freestyle in 1min 48.76sec. This lowered Phil Hubble's three-year-old national mark by a full Missing the 400 metres fitle

the victory.

The extent of Boyd's progress

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After the final, Jarryd said he was in a relaxed frame of effectively violeot. The Swedes were more

conceded only 10 points in nine service games. Noah is a delightful athlete and entertainer who likes to man was top of the grand prix have fun. Yesterday it was points staodings and therefore evident that he was having to make an effort to keep his

From a Special Correspondent, Stuttgart mand to the third set, racing to a 5-1 lead, before the Swede saved

two match poiots against his own serve io the seveoth game. Svenssoo went oo to break Becker and bring the score back Becker broke Svensson for the

Becker's return. The match was played before a capacity crowd of 8,000 that included Becker's parents, his coach, Gunther Bosch, his man-

Becker hioted, however, that his eotourage may decrease oext a wio to my own country," he "I've been around the world

hreakthrough by reaching the Wembley final last mooth, los-ing there to Yannick Noah of France in five sets.

That was the big turning beat the top guys. Today Becker served too well. He can always serve well when he needs to. It's very irritating." Becker was sentimental about

ter all this is where it all began against Stefan Edberg," he said. Becker has beateo Swedes in all three Young Masters fioals After Edberg io January 1985, it was Mats Wilander a year later. But the Edberg match was when Puodits at the time suspected he might be good some day. Six months later, he had won

Wimbledon.

# **RUGBY LEAGUE**

The former administrative county of Lancashire will go into the semi-finals of the John Player Special Trophy in W formation. The three clubs who exist within a small radius of each other, Warrington, Widnes and Wigan, all qualified in yesterday's quarter-fioals, though all had in fight hard. St Helens and Warringtoo

and Ropati and two goals and two dropped goals from Bishop. In reply, Halliwell scored a try and Ledger kicked two goals. In the second half, tries from Halliwell and Haggerty, and a

St Helens 20. Warrington 22; Wigen 6, Leigh 2.
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Leeds 42, Hull Kingston Rovers 7; Oldham 18, Hasifas 20; Waterfield 2, Featherstone 29.
Second division: Batley 12, Rochdale 15; Carriste 11. Hunstet 6; Fusham 30, Backpool 12; Huddersfield 12, Workington 20; Keginley B. Doncester 24; Manafield 27, Rundom 28; Swinton 40, Dewsbury 0; Whitehaven 24. Bramley 10; York 16, Sheffleid 28.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

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What is your average headline-scanner to make of the claim made

for this week's edition of World in

Action (ITV, 8.30pm) that it unmasks the Middle East

spymaster at the centre of the

Syrian-backed plot to blow up an

El Al aircraft oo a flight from Heathrow last April? Naturally

enough, he will swallow the claim, and Granada Television's news

hounds will go up ever higher in

his estimation. The truth of the matter, however, is the spymaster.

Brigadier General Mohammad Al-

Khouli, head of Syria's Air Force

country's hierarchy, has already been unmasked in the British

Press. In fairness to World in Action, it must be said that it does

harden up the Al-Khouli connex-

ion with Nezar Hindawi's failed

attempt to destroy the same

airliner that was carrying his

pregnant girlfriend. And the film

6.30 News headlines followed by The Flintstones. (r) 6.55

Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jeremy Paxman includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30;

regional news and traval at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.

8.40 Watchdog. Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton Investigate on behalf of the consumer 8.55

Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather 9.05 Day to
Day. A topical subject

discussed by Robert Kilroy-

Silk, guests, studio audience, and phone in viewers 9.45 One in Four. Isobel Ward's

magazine programme for the disabled 10.00 News and

children's progremme news, and birthday greetings, 10.30 Play School, 10.50 Willo the

weather 10.05 Neighbours. (r) 10.25 Phillip Schofield with

Wisp. (r)
10.55 Five to Eleven. Geoffrey
Wheeler with a thought for the
day 11.00 News and weather

11.05 Going to Pot. Indoor

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ewis. Weather 1.25 Neighbours. Weekday soap set in a Melbourne suburb 1.50 Bric-a-Brac. (r) 2.00 The Clothes Show. Selina Scott, Jeff Banks, and Jane Lomas, are on the road to meet the people of the Ulverston, Cumbria, area, 2,30 The Onedin Line. When James docks from Australia, Anne is Valerie, Domestic cornedy

12.05 Weather.

Sally Whittaker as Sally and, as her Uncle Tom, Len Marten in Coronation Street (ITV, 7.30pm)

CHOICE

The second unmasking of a spymaster

does throw new light on the burgeoning terrorist by discovering that when Hiodawi was editing a London newspaper last year, he wrote signed articles which revealed his romantic outlook on death through revolution, and showed the full exteot of his obsessive dream about an Arab world in arms. No evidence in defence of Hindawi is produced in the film, unless you cao count what one Jordian editor says about him. Hindawi, he says, used to smoke a pipe and both write and recite poetry, and no man who did that sort of thing could ever plant a bomb. Now that really is something new in the Hindawi

• For a much more enlightened view of the literary impulse, you

3.50 Henry's Cat. (r) 4.10 Wizbit with Paul Daniels 4.20 The Mysterious Citles of Gold.

4.55 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter. A

preview of the National Museum of Wales's new exhibition of Chinese

unosaurs. (Ceefax)
5.35 Masterteam.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

Cassidy.
7.35 The Golden Oldles Picture

8.00 Test Pilot. Part three of tha

8.30 Three Up, Two Down. Comedy series about the uneasy relationship between a man and s woman from a different

social sphere who share the same grandchild. (r) (Ceefax) 9.00 Nine O'Clock news with Julia Somerville and Andrew

Harvey. Regional news and

Who'a Winning New?. An

economic comparison between Coventry, devastated during the Second World War, and her twin city, Klel, which was also flattened. Whose citizens are

better off now? Richard Lindley

reports, International Show Jumping from the Grand Hall, Olympia. featuring the Crosse & Blackwell Grand Prix.

Introduced by David Vine, with

commentary by Raymond Brooks-Ward and Stephen

CNE Grandstand, Toronto.

11.35 Late Night in Concert.

weather, 9.30 Panorama: Coventry and Kiel -

of old hit records.

Wogan. Tonight's guests include Norman Wisdom, June

Brown and, with a song, David

Show, Dave Lea Travis introduces video-disc versions

series following an intake of the Empire Test Pilots School at Boscombe Down. (Ceefax)

6.35 London Plus.

Animated adventure serial 4.45 Jonny Briggs starring Richard

need look no further tonight than Write On (Channel 4, 6.30pm), the series that must have prompted more than one budding but frustrated author to take a second look at the manuscipt that has been gathering dust on a shelf for years. For some reason I cannot divine, the programme's co-host, Ian McMillan, wears a sweat-shirt bearing the legend "Wordsworth" and a top-hatted Samson. Much more comprehensible is the advice he offers to prospective authors which is that, because there is oo such thing as a formula for success, the next best thing is 10 for them to have a map of the opus behind the eyes so that they will know when they get it right. Persooally, I do not think

the writer of romantic novels who also appears tonight got it quite right when, describing how a heroine was swept into her lover's

urgent arms, wrote that "her

treacherous body responded against her will to the drugging sensation of overwhelming, trembliog, seosuality. "

• Best of the rest on TV tonight: the final film io the Nurses series (BBC2, 10.00pm) which deals with midwifery; and Open to Question (BBC2, 7.35pm) in which teenagers put questions to South Africa's deputy foreign minister. It should prove a good appetizer for tomorrow Granada Televisioo documentary called Apartheid about which I shall be writing tomorrow.

 Radio choice: Solti conducting the Loodon Philharmonic in some Bartok (Piano Concerto No 3, with Schiff as soloist) and Mahler (Symphony No 5) on Radio 3 at 7.30pm.



Peter Davalle Final heat competitors in The Krypton Factor (ITV, 7.00pm). From left to right: Gordon Sidlow, Bob Page, Kathy Searle, and Jeremy Holt.

9.25 Thames news headlines

I names news neadines followed by Christmas Village. An animated story 9.35 Beyond 2000. The latest technology that will last us until the 21st century 10.20 Wild, Wild World of Animals. Those who live at the foot of the

Rocky Mountains. (r)

10.45 A Single Light. A lonely young

woman substitutes a religious statue for the baby she lost,

Wattoo. (r) 11.55 Star of Bethlehem. Part one of a scientific investigation into the

Three Wise Men.
Attarah's Music. Olive the
Oboe. (r) 12.10 Let's Pretend
to the tale of Spot the

12.30 Baby and Co. Dr Miriam Stoppard talks to parents about their worries over premature bables. (r) 1.00 News at One with Leonard Parion 1.20 Thames news

Parion 1.20 I names news.

1.30 Film: What'a Good For the
Goose (1969) starring Norman
Wisdom and Sally Geeson. A
straightfaced, middle-aged
assistant bank manager
discovers the sins of the flesh

when attending a bankers' .
conference away from home.
Directed by Menahem Golan,
Thames news headlines 3,30

little realising it is a rare masterpiece 11.40 Wattoo

BBC2 9.00 Ceefax.
9.20 The Week in the Lords. (r)
10.00 Ceefax.
12.30 Design and innovation:
Eurokaaarghi Part one of a 6.15 TV-am: Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; Eurekazarghi Part one of a repeat of the Horizon financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40 and 7.40; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at 8.35. The After Nine guests programme which examined the problems facing inventors. 2.00 News and weather.
2.02 Puppeteer. A profile of John Wright, who runs the Little Angel Theatre, Islington, at e.g., the Arter Nine guests include child-care expert. Rosemary Leach; and Jeni Barnett with the winning names of the arrimal and pet category of the poetry competition.

12.00

London. (r)
2.20 Sign Extra. (r)
2.45 International Show Jumping from the Grand Hall, Olympia. Action on the final day of the show. (includes news and weather at 3.00) 3.50 News, regional news and

weather.
4.00 Pamela Armstrong. Today's guests include Faith Brown and Barbara Dickson.
International Show Jumping from the Grand Hall, Olympia.
Domesday Detectives. A repeal of the programme 5.00 Do

shown on BBC 1 at 12.25. 5.30 Did You See...? A shortened 6.00 Film: Charlie Chan at the Wax. Museum\* (1940) starring Sidney Toler. The criental detective is on the trail of an

escaped murderer who changes his identity. 7.05 To Turn a Blind Eye, by Farnish Dhondy. A drama about a lonely, blind old bigot who is befriended by Jamshyd, a young man with a cockney accent. Starring Brian Hayes,

7.35 Open to Question. Via satellite from Pretorie, the South African deputy Foreign Minister, Ron Miller, answers questions put to him by a young audience drawn from all over Britain.

5.05 Cricket: Third Test, Richie Benaud introduces highlights

of the fourth day's play. Special presented by Paul Heiney, Kathy Rochford reports from Courmayeur, the ski resort on the slopes of joins the long-stay holidaying Britons on Gran Canaria; and weatherman John Kettley assesses the chances of a white Christmas at the various ski resorts, and has advice on

where to go for warmth.

9.00 Cool it. Comedy sketches
starring Phil Cool.

9.25. Victoria Wood - As Seen on TV. Monologues and music from the talented comedienne. With, among others, Julie

10.00 Nurses. This final programme of the series joins the midwives of Mile End in east London. (Ceefax) 10.40 Newsnight. 11.25 Weather. 11.30 Telejournal. Carlos Riera introduces the news shown by Madrid's RTVE's first channel. ITV/LONDON Telebugs 4.20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe 4.45 From the Top. Comedy series starring Bill Oddie.

5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart.
6.00 Thames news.
6.25 Helpl Viv Taylor Gee with news of Cold Comfort, s leaflet with advice on keeping warm in

winter.

8.35 Crossroads.

7.00 The Krypton Factor. A housewile, a vet, s Felixstowe port manager, and a solicitor, compete in searching tests of brain and brawn. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. Rita Fairclough worries about Jenny's interest in Martin Platt. (Oracle) (Oracle)
8.00 Bifly Dainty, Esq. A tribute to the cornection who died test

8.30 World in Action: The Road to Damascus. A documentary revealing the identity of the spymaster in charge of an international network of Syrian-based terrorists, with the first picture of the man to be seen in the West, (see

9.00 North and South, Episode three. Tillet Main dies and Orry becomes master of Mont Royal, he also confesses his passion for Madeline, who has helped a slave to escape. While the search continues she has a brief liaison with Orry. (Oracla) (continues after the (Oracle) (continues after tha

news) 10.00 News at Ten and weather, followed by Thames news headlines. 10.30 North and South. Episode

three continued. 11.20 The New Avengers. A chase by car, plane and motorbike, leads to buried treasure. Starring Patrick Macnee and

Joanna Lumley. (r) 12.20 Tales from the Darkside. A



MsTaken Identity: they appear in Eleventh Hour's Turn It Up:

CHANNEL 4

2.30 The Late Late Show. Dublin'a long running music and chat show.
3.30 Irish Angle. Are property buyers protected by law? Irish
Angle investigates the sad tale
of a Dutchman who bought
land in West Cork

4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavie Nicholson
discusses partomime tradition

with three of this year's principal boys - Bonnie

Langford, Yvonne Mersh, and Antta Harris. 4.30 Countdown. The third quarterfinal is between the number three seed, David Whiting, and Mike Percik, who is seeded number six.

5.00 Cartoon Carnival.

5.30 Basketball - Go 4 ftl Simon

5.30 Basketball - Go 4 Itl Simon Reed and Danny Palmer preview tonight's Prudential National Cup Final.
6.00 Make Your Own Video. The final programme of the series in which Anna Soubry is taught how to film by professional cameraman Philip Chavannes.
6.30 Write On. The tenth and last programme in the series

6.30 Write Ort. The tenth and last programme in the series presented by Ruth Pitt, designed to interest people in the pleasures of writing; (see Choice)
7.00 Channel 4 News presented by Peter Sissons,
7.50 Comment from Dr Mayer Hillman, Senior Fellow of the Policy Studies Institute.

Policy Studies Institute. Weather.

Weather.

6.00 Brookside. Annabelie's first day as a magistrate is spent fixing fines for motoring offenders; and Rod has his offenders; and Rod has his final interview for the police, but leaves the meeting angry and humiliated when he discovers the police have all the Corkhills' records.

8.39 Soap Aid. Highlights from a money-raising concert which took place in July, in which all the British soaps joined forces for the Save Our African People anterprise.

9.00 Basketball - Go 4 Itt Live from the Albert Half, the final of the Prudential National Cup Final between Team Polycell

Kingston, the winners for the .past two years, and HFS
Portsmouth.

10.00 A People's War. This
penultimate programma in the
series about life on the Home

presents a portrait of an economy at war, the people at work and their contribution to the victory. (Oracle)

11.00 The Eleventh Hour. Turn it Up.
Cabaret Style, featuring
MsTaken identity and Days
Like These, two films made a

group of young people from the Birmingham Film and Video Workshop, describing what it is like to be a young woman today. 12.30 Their Lordships' House Jackie Ashley presents highlights of the day's proceedings.

VARIATIONS

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BBC1 WALES. 5.35-6.00pm Wales To-day, 6.35-7.00 Home Brew. 12.05 12.4Sas Rugby Special (South of Scotland vi Anglo Scotls). 12.4S-12.50 News. SCOT-LAMD, 6.35-7.00pm Reporting Scotland. 1.35-12.55am Workness Scotland. 1.25-55am Workness Scotland. 1.25-12.10 Weather: Close. NORTHERN IRE-LAND. 5.35-5.40pm Sport. 540-6.00 Inside Ulster. 8.35-7.00 Masterteam. 12.05-12.10 am News. ENGLAND. 6.35-7.00pm Regional news magazines.

ANGLIA As London except 9.30am Sesame Street 10.35 The Fabulous Funnes 11.00 Short Story Theatre 11.25-11.55 Californa Highway 1.20 Anglia News and Weather 1.30 King Arthur Was A Gentleman (Arthur Askey) 8.15 Cartoon Time 3.25 Anglia News 5.15 Emmerdate Farm 5.06 About Anglia 8.30-7.00 Who 5 The Boas? 11.20 This Tumer Queen of Rock 17 Roll 12.25 Cear Dany, Cose.

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News 1.30 Fette Faneads 3.25 Border News
Headlines 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters
5.00 Lookaround Monday 6.30-7.00 Take The
High Flood 11.20 Minder 12.20am Weather, Close.

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ron Maden (1962) 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Fi

6.0-7.00 North Tonght 11.20 Sammy Davies Jr 12.30em News, Weather, Close.

GRANADA As London except: 9.35
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Hayes) 3.15 From Grape to Glass 3.25 Granada Reports 3.30-4.00 Sorts and Daughters
6.00-7.00 Granada Reports 11.20 Fonda: The
Man and His Movies 12.25ees Close.

HTV WEST As London except:
10.30 The Monsters' Christmas 11.30-12.00 The
Rag Tag Champs 12.0 HTV News 13.0-3.25
Film: The Iron Maiden (1962) 6.80-7.00
HTV News 11.20 The New Avengers 12.20am
Weather, close.

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Nows 1.25 Lookaround 1.30-3.25 Film: The Back Tulio (Akan Delon) B.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Straight Talk 11.20 Ben Scram - On The Live Side 12.15cm On The Edge... 12.25 Close ULSTER As London except 9.25 Sesame Street 10.25 Toytown 10.45 World of Stones 11.00-11.55 Other World 1.20pm Lunchtime 1.30 Film: The Whis-perers (Eric Portman) 3.30-4.00 Sone and Daughters 8.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.30-7.00 Lifestyle 11.20 The Sweeney 12.15am

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Hadio 2 MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the hour. Headlines 5.30mm, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30. Cricket: Third Test. Australia v England at 4.02am, 5.05, 5.02, 7.07, 8.07 and 1.02am, 2.02, 3.02
4.00am Colin Berry 5.30 Ray Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 3.30 David Hamilton 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Alan Dell 8.30 Big Band Special (BBC Big Band) 9.00 Humprirey Lyttelton with jazz on record 10.00 Acker's Way (Acker Bilk and Paramount Jezz Band) 10.30 Ster Sound (Nick Jackson plays soundtrack (Nick Jackson plays soundtrack requests) 11.00 Brian Matthew 1.00am Charles Nove 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.

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Cabaret Style, on Channel 4, at 11.00pm 5.25 On medium wave only. Test Match. Australia v England. From Adelaide. Coverage of the Third Test continues until 7 35 mm. Test continues until 7.35am 6.65 On VHF.Weather. 7.00 7.05 Concert Handel

News
7.05 Concert: Handel
(Concerto Grosso in G,
Op 6 No 1: English Concert),
Schubert (Fantasia in F
minor, 0 940: Eschenbach
and Frantz, plano duet),
Haydn (Symphony No 102:
RPO under Beecham).
8.05 News
8.05 Concert (part two).
Mussorgsky (Scherzo in
B flat: LSO), Finzi (Cello
Concerto: Walfrisch and
RLPO), Saint-Saens (the
symphonic poem
Dhilharmonia). 9

Phaetor: Philharmonie). I News
8.05 This Week's Composer:
Ravel, Jeux d'eax
(Collard, plano), Manteau fleurs (Mady Mespié, soprano), Sheherazade
(Danco, coprano and Paris Conservatoire
Orchestra), Ballade de la reine morte d'almer: Un grand sommeil noir, and other singers including Jose van Dam, Jessye Norman, and Felicity Lott, with Dalton Baldwin, plano)

piano)
10.00 Gothenburg SO (under Neeme Jarvi),
Stenhammar (Excelsiori) and Berwald (Simfonia serieuse in G minor)
10.45 Clarinet and Piano: Colin Berthuru and Oliver Bradbury and Oliver Devies, Vanhal (Sonata in E flat flat), Fibich (Selenka), Martinu (Sonetina) Saraste), with Julian Lloyd Weber (cello). Willia Mathias (Celtic Dances),

Elgar (Cello Concerto), Beethoven (Symphony No 5, Pastoral). 1.00 News BBC Lunchtime Concert: Medici String Quartet.
Haydn (Quartet in G minor,
Op 74 No 3), Faure
(Quartet in E minor,
Op 121) 2:00 Music Weekly: with Michael Oliver. Includes a conversation with Renets Scotto, Colin Lawson on Waber and the clarinet, and a consideration by Malcom Hayes of the music of Philip Glass . (r) 2.45 New Records: Dvorak (Polonaise in E flat: Prague 50), Smetana (Czech dances, includino

Polks in A minor (series 1). Polica in A minor (series 1), and Hulan (series 2): played by Ivan Moravec, plano), Mendelssohn (Bei der Wiege; Neueu Liebe: Kathleen Battle, soprano), Bach (Suite No 5 in C minor, BWV

No 5 in C minor, BWV
1811: Sasa Vectomov, cello),
Vivaldi (Bassoon
Concerto in F, RV 485:
Thunermann with I
Musici), Mendelssohn
(Symphony No 4, for
string orchestra: Guildhall
String Ensemble), Chopin
(Six posthumously published
pleces, including
Cantabile in B flat, and
Souvenir de Pagarini in
A: Fou Ts'ong (plano),
Lovestjold (ballet La
Sytphide, Act 2: Royal
Danish Orchestra), 4.55
News

Danish Orchestra). 4.55
News
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure:
recorded music,
presented by Roger Nichots
6.30 Organ music: Simon
Lindley at the organ in
Halifax Parish Church,plays
Percy Whitlock's Four
Extemporisations, and the
Plymouth Suite
7.05 For Whose Tomorrow ?
Louis Alien assesses
Britain's sacrifices to free
Burma from the Burma from the Japanese invaders during the Second World War.

the Second World War.
7.30 London Philharmonic
(under Sir Georg Solit),
with Andras Schiff (piano)
Part one. Bartok (Piano)
Concerto No. 3). A live
transmission from the
Royal Festival Hall in

Alberti String Quartet
(with Martin Hughes, piano)
Schubert (Quartet
movement in C minor, D

703), and Brahms (Piano Quintet in F minor, Op 34)

11.58 News. 12.08 Music 12.25 Test Match. Australia v England. From Adelaide. Start of the final day's play. Until 2.35am

Royal Festival Hall in London.
7.55 Anythow, how are Things ? Friendship verse anthology. Read by Maggie McCartiny, Michael Thomas and Brett Usher. Compiled by Gillian Thomas \$.15 Concert (continued): Mahler (Symphony No 5) 9.35 Stations: Callum Mill performs the work by David Ashton 16.00 Jazz Today: Charles Fox presents Gnosts 12.27 King Street Junior: Teacher Eric Brown (Peter Davison) discovers that there is more to teaching than just standing in front of a class. Cast also includes James Grout, Tom Watson, and Vivienne Martin. (s), 12.55 Weather presents Chosts 11.00 Schubert and Brahms: 1.00 The World at One: News

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour
with Jenni Murray.
Includes an Item on teenagers' parties, and how grown-ups should learn to cope with them. Also, Patricia Hodge reads the first of eight stones by Eizabeth Bowen, Maria. News; The Afternoon

problems of everyday life presented by Louise Botting.

10.30 Morning Story: Silver Next to Your Skin, by Mark Bowne. The reader is Robert Rietty.

10.45 The Delity Service. Advent Calendar, Darkness and Light. New Every Morning, page 1002. (s)

11.00 News: Travel: Down

Your Way: Brian Johnstone visits Tiverton in

Devon.

11.48 Poetry Please! Listeners' requests, with Charles Tominson, Tim Pigoti-Smith and Diana Bishop (s)

12.00 News; You and Yours:
Consumer affairs Presented by Why

Consumer affairs.Presented by Jaly Conner who speaks up

that are given to chidren as Christmas presents.

Cooper who speeks up on behalf of those puppies

11.00 News; Travel: Down

Play: Billy Bunter's Christmas Party by Frank Richerds, adapted by Rob Gittins. With Hugh Thomas as the Fat Owl of the Remove who inv spend Christmas in a
"haunted" mansion.(r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope. A second
chance to hear last
Friday's edition. Including

LF (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF 5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer (s) 6.30 Today Incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather, 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.45 The Week on 4. Programme previews. With David Symonds
John Ebdon with a
Sighthearted search
through the BBC Sound
Archives, 8.57 Weather;
Travel comment on King Lear a the National Theatre, the Menotti operas at Sadler's Wells, and the Nutcracker in Plymouth 9.00 News
8.05 Start the Week with
Richard Baker (s)
10.00 News; Money Box: A
focus on the financial
problems of everyday life
presented by Louise

(r)
5.00 PM News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather
6.00 News: Financial Report.
6.30 Quote... Unquote: Tha quotations game with a celebrity panel — Roy Kirnear, Eleanor Bron, Auberon Waugh and Chantal Cuer. In the chair: Nigel Rees (r) (s)
7.00 News

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ciscoveries and developments from he world's leading laboratories.

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# England's slump leaves outside chance of result

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Adelaide

By taking the wickets of Lamb and Gower in the last 10 minutes of play here yesterday. Australia revived the Gatting now made his seventh third Test match.

Not long before tea, when England were 270 for one, the game looked to be heading for a certain draw; but at 349 for five, the closing score in reply to Australia's 514 for five declared, that was no longer

It was a grand day's cricket. played in sunshine and a lovely temperature. There were centuries for Broad and Gatting we had the rare pleasure of watching 30 overs of leg spin; and Australia's late successes were a fair reward for their perseverance. If England had been equally determined, right to the end. to make Australia fight for all they got, they might have nothing left to worry about by

Instead. Lamb threw his wicket away with a careless stroke, and Broad and Gatting both got out to long hops. Gower, too, although he produced some glittering strokes, was in one of his easy-come easy-go moods. Though genu-inely beaten in the end by Reid, he should have been caught at slip when he was nine and he was never really knuckling down.

The follow-on, of course, is saved and there are only two days left, and even hy the standards of the Adelaide Oval it is a very easy pitch. So far, in three days, only Lamb has been dismissed for fewer than 36. That all points to a draw. But if Australia were to be batting again by lunchtime today, with a lead, say, of 80. they could still leave themselves with most of tomorrow to bowl England out a second

There is not a rest day in this Test or the next. The reason, needless to say, is to accommodate Mr Packer, or the marketing arm of his organization. Like the caterers. the cameramen, the ground staff and anyone else you care to think of, the players need a rest day. But their convenience is not the consideration it used to be in arranging the itinerary of a

tour of Australia. Broad played another excellent innings, having to conlend with Reid when he was England's way. A comfortable at times quite steeply, and with Sleep before his fingers and Athey played his game. tired. Broad batted, all told. Then, for the hour either side

# **Botham improving**

during the second Test at Perth had yesterday shown a "great improvement" over the previous 48 hours, according to Mickey Stewart, the England cricket manager.

Test hundred in a little over two years (21 Tests) and that is good going considering that his first took seven years (30 Tests) to come. Galting gave Matthews, the

off-spinner, some terrible stick, once at an important psychological moment. Unfortunately, though, he and Broad got out in quick succession after adding 161 in 156 minutes for the second wicket.

Had Gatting stayed, Australia could have come under such fierce attack in the last hour that England, not Australia, might have ended the day thinking in terms of a firstinnings lead. When Gatting was out, he had made 48 in even time since tea and was on the warpath. He batted for three hours, faced 140 balls, hit 15 fours and was ju-

diciously pugnacious. Sleep was revealed as a nice bowler, mostly of leg-breaks and top-spinners. The googly puts in only an occasional appearance. He has the mien

### Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA: First hurings O R Marsh b Edmonds
I C Boon e Whiteler b Emburey
I M Jones c Richards b Dilley
'A R Border c Richards b Edmonds
G M Ritchie c Broad b DeFreitas
G R J Matthews not out

Total (5 wkts dec) PR Sleep, †G C Dyer, M G Hughes and & A Reid did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-113, 2-185, 3-311, 4-333, 5-368. 4-333, 3-368. BOWLING: Dilley 32-3-111-1; DeFroitss 32-4-128-1; Emburey 45-11-117-1; Ed-monds 52-14-134-2; Gatting 9-1-22-0.

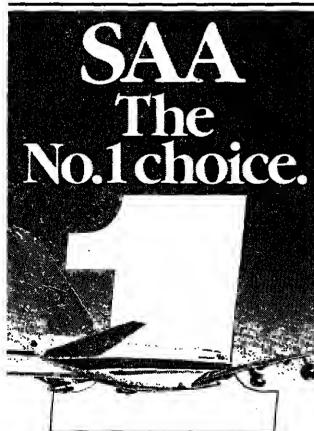
AC Broad c Marsh b Wargh C W J Athey b Steep
M W Getting c Wangh b Steep
M W Getting c Wangh b Steep
I J Land c Matthey b Steep
I Gower lbw b Reid
E Emburey not one E Emburey not out \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ J Whitaker not out \_\_\_\_\_ Extras (b 2, lb 8, w 4, nb 4) \_\_\_

Total (5 wkts) 349
†C J Richards, P A J DeFreitas, P H
Edmonds and G R Dilley to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-112, 2-273, 3-283,
4-341, S-341.

9-341, 3-341. BOWLING: Hughes 21-5-72-1; Reid 17-5-37-1; Sheep 32-7-104-2; Matthews 18-0-80-0; Border 1-0-1-0; Waugh 11-1-45-1. Umpires: A R Crafter and S O Randell.

Border began the bowling with him and Reid, and in the first quarter of an hour three appeals for leg-before by Reid and another for a catch at slip followed in which Broad declared his intentions

being fit for the fourth Test in Melbourne are looking brighter. The rih muscle he tore during the second Test in the second Te gym now. We hope every 48 hours that pass will produce an improvement." England have two further games before the fourth Test, which begins on Boxing Day.



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for 307 minutes and 263 balls, of lunch, England's batting hitting 12 fours and a six. lost conviction. in the doghouse a week ago,

in the 37th over of the innings, Athey was out, playing on to Sleep as he tried to chop something that was too straight and full for the purpose and it was some time before the innings got moving

The 46th over was crucial. When it started Matthews, the abominable showman, was all cock-a-hoop. He had been bowling well, turning the ball a little and finding the edge. But three pulls for four by Gatting cleared the leg trap, and 15 off the over cleared the air. When, at the next opportunity, Gatting went down the pitch to Matthews and hit him high and straight for four, the crowd became rather silent for

an hour or two. About the first of Gatting's three fours there was an element of risk, but a calculated one. The stroke was played from down the pitch and it was as well that he went through with it.

Most of the rest of the afternoon was dominated by Broad, who reached his hundredthree overs before tea with as good a shot as he played, a cover-drive off Border. Not since Barrington and Edrich, in 1965-66, had an Englishman scored centuries in successive Test matches in Australia.

Sensing that Australia could be there for the taking between tea and the close, Gatting now set out after them, thumping the ball over the leg-side field with some contempt. But he lost Broad at 273, brilliantly caught at short mid-wicket where Marsh held a turnhling catch off a very hard hit, and then immediately after reaching his own hundred with a lofted straight drive for four, he dragged a simple catch to the same position. This was off Sleep's rankest long-hop of the day; hut to take wickets with bad balls is a legspinner's perquisite.

In a golden evening light and with 70 minutes left. Gower joined Lamh, At the start of the tour, Lamh was in better form than anyone except Botham. Now his footwork betrayed his uncertainty. He seemed often to be caught between wind and water. Gower was simply Gower, creaming the ball through the me moment and edg it to third man the next. He was sparring at Waugh when Boon, who had spent all day at slip waiting for a bite, put him down, a chance Boon would

have taken 14 times out of 15. If Australia thought that that was their last chance gone. Lamb saw to it that it was not. Having added 58 with Gower in 50 minutes, he hit at the pitch of the new ball and mistimed a gentle catch to mid-off.

Reid then brought one of full length back at Gower, who had moved on to the back foot, and England, having sent in one nightwatchman, could probably not find another. Anyway, Whitaker appeared and took three to third man off his first ball, whereupon Emhurey protected him to the close. In three overs, England had partially undone much very good work. There were in the day 320 runs from 92 overs and five wickets fell. No one could complain about that.

**RUGBY UNION** 

# Handicap overcome by Ards

A Malone side that supplied seven players to the Ulster team this season stumbled to a second successive defeat at the weekend, going down at Hamilton Park to Ards, whose contribution to the Ulster cause was a solitary player, the international wing forward, Nigel Carr (George Ace

Ards won, despite the handicap of losing their No. 8. Foreman, in the first half, by three penalties, all kicked by their full back, Callow, to a goal. Brown converting a Harbinson try after only five

minutes. Bangor blasted out a 41point warning that tomorrow's Bass Boston Cup final will be a difficult match for the league leaders. Ballymena, under the Uprichard Park floodlights. They clinically dismantled a North side at Ormeau by four goals, two tries and three penalties to four penalties.

The Bangor full back, Ellion, who was capped for Ireland against Scotland at Murrayfield in 1979 scored 21 points with two tries which he converted and three penalties | Eastern Province by an inwhile Warke kicked all of North's points.



as they attempt to crawl out of

their darkness. Nor are they

likely to, at least until after

Christmas, as their manager

McAllister, who was with-

injuries. Hollins, therefore,

faces the damaging prospect of being with half of his strongest

line-up, whatever that might

be, for the London derby

against Tottenham Hotspur at

first goal," the outcome of three defensive mistakes on

the half-hour. Pates was guilty

of the first with a misdirected

header on the half-way line

and McLaughlin, his central

partner, made the second by

subsequently felling Rush on

Niedzwiecki compounded

the errors by leaving substan-tial room at the near post and

Whelan promptly punished him from the free kick. After

51 minutes Rush claimed his

22nd goal of the season, but

his first in six games, by heading in Nicol's cross. "Af-

ter that," Hollins conceded,

feehly, Liverpool could have

added four or five, particu-larly after Dalglish had sent

himself on. The one they did

score, by Nichol who embar-

rassed Murphy with his run

and Niedzwiecki with his 20-

yard chip, was more than

sufficient to lift them into

third place, four points behind

"People don't expect any-

thing when they come up here," Hollins said, "but I felt

that we could pick up a point.

One victory will change things

for us and there are still 69

points to play for. It is setting the first three that is the

problem." Even one would be

Beglin, M. Lawrenson, R. Whelen, Hansen, P. Weish (sub: K. Dalgilsh), Gälespie, I. Rush, R. Veruson, R. McMaho CHELSEA: E. Niedzwiecki, O. Rougvie, Dublin, C. Pates, J. McLaughlin, Burnstead, K. McAllister (sub: O. Wood), Spackman, O. Durie, D. Speedle, J. Murphy Refenet: K. Hackett.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Leng: three titles

Leng's award

Virginia Leng has become

the first person to win the

British equestrian writers'

association's trophy for the

Equestrian Personality of the

Year for the third time in

Arsenal.

As Chelsea disintegrated

"we lost our organization."

home on Saturday.

the edge of the area.

confirmed later.

# Liverpool pile on FA inquiry pain for Chelsea into the John Hollins had made five

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

Liverpool. Cheisea.

The painful agonies of Chelsea were revealed to the nation yesterday afternoon. In the last fixture of the year to be covered live on television, they were horribly exposed and soundly beaten at Anfield, even though Liverpool never began to reach the heights of which they are capable.

Chelsea can now sink no lower. Anchored to the bot-tom of the first division, they lie two points adrift of Manchester City, the side that happen to have been their last victims eight games ago. Nor was there the slightest indication that their ever deepening troubles are about to end.

They had their moments. There were two of them. Both occurred within a minute midway through an unutterably tedious first half, during which Liverpool looked to have left all of their quality behind in Dubai, where the collected the unofficial British ritle by defeating Celtic on penalties in midweck.

Murphy, otherwise no more than an irrelevant decoration, stretched Grobbelaar to his full height and almost instantly McAllister, released by Speedie, provoked Gillespie to illustrate the speed of his recovery. Apart from that Chelsea, though spirited, were not even a pale shadow of the team that was considered title contenders a year ago.

Niedzwiecki's display was as undistinguished as any. He could be faulted for all three goals. His defensive colleagues were no more assured. The midfield was profoundly col-ourless and Durie was so thoroughly ineffective that some wags were prompted to ask whether his Christian name might be Joe or lan.

Durie, it should be noted, did Iwice collect the ball after being adjudged offside, an admirable gesture matched only by the occasional touches of Speedie. His exchanges with the Kop before the interval were less laudable. He answered their audihle obscenities with visual signs that were equally distasteful. Since

Squash

pair's aim

Jon Cornish and Darren

Mabbs, the 1984 winners, will

play Martin Bodimeade and Paul Carter in the final of this

year's London Evening Stan-

dard British doubles squash

championships at Cannons

Chris Ronaldson, the world

champion, regained the French open real tennis title

when he defeated the holder.

Wayne Davies, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1 in

Port Elizabeth (Reuter) -

The fast bowler Johnny Ma-

guire performed the hat-trick

here yesterday as the rebel

Australian cricketers beat

nings and 84 runs on the final

day of their three-day match.

Club, London, tonight.

French title

the final in Bordeaux.

Hat-trick

dismissals changes - Hazard, Isaac and Ted Croker, the Football Wicks were dropped. Dixon

Association secretary, has promised a full inquiry into Saturday's game at Sheffield United which saw four players and Nevin were injured -Chelsea cannot even claim to be hanging onto consistency drawn midway through the second half, Murphy and independent judgement, apart from the referee." Said Speedie are all suffering from

dismissed during the same game was in 1955 when two went from each side in the game between Crewe Alexan-Hollins stated that he was dra and Bradford City. "very disappointed with the first goal," the outcome of

Gilbert, the Portsmouth defender, was the first to go and the referee, Kelvin Morton of Bury St Edmunds, then des-patched Tait and United's Beagrie after an off-the-ball incident. Dillon was Portsmonth's third offender as sendings-off for the season surged to 107.

The Hull City player-manager, Brian Horton, will fine himself half a week's wages after his 68th minute dismissal for dissent at Crystal Palace. Fenwick, the Queen's Park Rangers and England international defender, went during the goalless draw against Charlton Athletic and afterwards claimed his sending-off was "a joke".

# All winners at Bradford

Bradford City returned to an emotion-filled Valley Pa-rade to beat an England XI 2-1 before a 15,000 crowd whose goodwill allowed the names of yesteryear, among them Keegan, Worthington, Cherry, Yorath and Bobby Campbell, to flourish

Cherry, the manager started the match for Bradford and was lightheartedly, booed when he reappeared for Eng-land. That perhaps summed up an occasion that saw the crowd applaud both teams for an engaging exhibition - that also produced some good goals through Mariner for England and Goodman and Leonard for Bradford. But for once, the game's warmth and spirit was the real winner.

Sailing in

Ecureuil d'Aquitaine, sailed

by Titouan Lamazou, aged 31, was the first boat into Sydney

at the end of the Round the

World yacht race leg from Cape Town. His time for the 6.900 mile leg of 28 days 7 hours and 13 minutes clipped

almost seven days off the

previous record set by Phillipe

Venice (Reuter) - The

controversial new East Ger-

man two-man boh has been

banned by the the inter-

national Bohsleigh and

Tohogganing Federation

Kolhapur, India (Reuter)

an unbeaten century to stake a-

claim for a Test place in

Kanpur on Wednesday as

India's under-25 cricketers

drew the three-day match with

The Indian Bharat Arun hit

Test claim

**Bob banned** 

Jeantot in 1982.

### sent off, three of them from the visiting side. Portsmouth. We will study the referee's report very carefully and ask the clubs for their comments. We will also try to obtain an

Crocker after a weekend which saw 11 players dis-The last time four men were

him.

businessmen "with a Godzilla complex," was delighted with Smith's victory. "We needed that. We now have two power punchers in the ring. There should be no need for judges," he said.

in-shape Witherspoon, men-tally and physically, if there is such a person any more, would have given Tyson trouble. Witherspoon was not mentally ready for Smith after in fact he was departing.

# Tyson offers to meet Bruno for world title

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent. New York

fered a bout with Mike Tyson for the undisputed world heavyweight championship in September in London - if the World Boxing Council champion finishes up the winner, as he is almost certain to do, when the series to unify the three world heavyweight titles ends in May.

The announcement was made by Mickey Duff, Bruno's matchmaker and a close friend of the boxer's manager. Terry Lawless, in the presence of Tyson's manager. Jim Jacobs. Lawless has agreed to the bout providing the British fighter performs satisfactorily in two contests. the first of which will be in March. The world champion-ship bont will take place at Wembley Stadium and is expected to be a \$7 million affair.

James 'Bonecrusher' Smith, who surprisingly stopped Tim Witherspoon in the first round of their World Boxing Associarion (WBA) title bout in New York on Friday, also said he would honour the promise he had made to Bruno two years ago of a chance to avenge his defeat if he ever became world champion. "If I am still standing in May. I will fight Bruno." Smith said.

Bruno's two preliminary bouts need not be too testing. for, as Duff observed, "Bruno is entitled to fight Tyson even

He is still ranked in the top 10 and his connections believe clearly that he does not have to prove anything to anybody hut his manager. Lawless, after watching Smith's victory on ITV and seeing the over-weight Witherspoon going down three times, told Duff he wished he had instructed Bruno to "jump on." Witherspoon just as Smith did. If Smith could do it, so could have Bruno when be met Witherspoon last July, Lawless was clearly thinking. When Bruno and Smith met two years ago, Bruno was well on top until the tenth and final

What Bruno's tactics against Tyson might be is difficult to tell hut if it is to "jump on him". Tyson would

Tyson meets Smith in the next bont of the series in March. He was at ringside on Friday and said: "I would love it if Smith jumped on me. I can't wait to get my hands on

Jacobs, who has received a huge offer for Tyson to box in Japan from Japanese

Smith is made for Tyson; an

Frank Bruno has been of the legal toings and froings the final days before the bout on Friday. With the promoters, television and the New York Athletic Commission ranged against him. Witherspoon said: "I just didn't care. I don't want to fight for Don King any

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If Witherspoon was embattled before he stepped into the ring and then in the wars in the ring, he is in even more trouble now. For like Earnest Hemingway's story Old Man And the Sea, where the old man was left only with the bones of the marlin after the predators had eaten it, so too Witherspoon will be unable to haul in the \$300,000 his lawyer had secured for him.

The Internal Revenue Service wants its cut of \$180,000 - 80 per cent being tax arrears — and has told Don King to hold that amount back. Carl King, Don King's son and Witherspoon's manager, who has also a 50 per cent share in Smith, will take \$100,000 of Witherspoon's purse as his share. That will leave the fighter with less than \$20,000, with the lawyers still to be paid.

When one realizes that boxers risk life and limb for the aggrandisement of promoters and television viewers, there is a tendency to hlame the men with the money for this latest shabby episode in boxing. Witherspoon was forced by a contract which was signed by Carl King but not by him to make a defence that was not even mandatory under WBA

Yet another plausible sce-nario could be written that could put the hlame on the hoxer. For instance. Witherspoon's original opponent was Tubbs, a fat man. Witherspoon, who had been expecting the wrestling match of their last meeting, had "trained" accordingly. When Tubbs dropped out in the last week, it was too late for Witherspoon to prepare for Bonecrusher, who was a trim 2281:lb. Witherspoon started protesting.

On the night, Witherspoon certainly looked overweight at 226 lbs. And when Smith "jumped him" and started off n pursuit. Witherspoon found the pace beyond him.

Even though last year Witherspoon had boxed Smith's ears off and won every round but one, his feet let him down and all he could do was cower behind his gloves as corner to corner

Immediately after the referee's intervention followed one of the strangest scenes in this already hizarre title bout. Witherspoon was smiling and waving to his supporters and throwing kisses at them. One of his cornermen threw his gloves into the crowd. It was as if he was a hero leaning out of a train coming in to a station to welcoming admirers. You would not have believed that

**SHOW JUMPING** 

# Sloothaak wins while the British fail again

By Jenny MacArthur

The Olympia Volvo World Schockemöhle, whose chances Cup qualifier on Saturday, won convincingly by West Germany's Franke Sloothaak on Farmer, was the third World Cup show in succession in which British riders have failed to reach the top five.

Eighteen of the 32 starters

were British and the highest placing was sixth-equal -filled by Nick Skelton (Raffles Airborne), Geoff Glazzard (Sunorra) and Liz Edgar (Everest Rapier). These three were the only

British riders to reach the first jump-off, where they all collected four faults. Eddie Macken, of Ireland,

was the surprise but deserving runner-up on Carrolis Piquet. He bought the horse only three weeks ago hut, as his three clear rounds on Saturday showed, has found an instant rapport with the geiding. West Germany's Paul riding the inexperienced Next Orchidee, defied the odds to take third place Yesterday Harvey Smith collected his second win when he and Sanyo Casnica just got

Ryan's Son to win the Cross and Blackwell Christmas Pudding stakes. ESULTS: Volve World Cup Qualifier: 1, armer (F Sloothask, W6) 0 in 42.48: 2, arrolis Piquet (E Macken, Ire) 0 in 43.95: Next Orchidee (P Schochemöhle, WG) 0 50.36. Cross & Blackwell Christmes udding Stakes: 1, Sarryo Cadinica (H adding Stakes: 1, Sanyo Cadnica (Hashi) 1190 pts: 2, Ryan's Son (J. Mitaker) 1180 in 50.20 secs; 3, Le exico (N Skelton) 1180 in 52.77 Cognec outwoister Knock-Out Stakes: 1, Sanyo lympic Video (R Smith): 2, Talman (W larakkers, Neth); 3 equal, Cool King (J rown), Mistral de Roche (J-M Nicholas.

# **Outsiders** outplayed

and the £50,000 first prize. Hendry had a break of 50 with his first visit to the table in the the unseeded pair gradually

A chapter of mistakes involving all four players preceeded a long struggle on the pink. Hallett went in-off, and after Hendry had failed later with his shot, Meo was left the simple task of potting

RESULT: Final: S David and A Meo bt M Hallett and S Hendry. 12-3: Frame scores (Davis and Meo first): 48-38. 73-42. 88-38. 66-39, 86-5, 68-6, 99-23, 64-63, 13-109, 0-71, 72-31 93-0, 78-34, 33-73, 62-53.

Sri Lanka yesterday.

Para in the Dente de la were rated as slight as he was

the better of John Whitaker on

bain drain

SNOOKER

Steve Davis and Tony Men duly claimed their fourth Hofmeister world doubles snooker championship in five years yesterday when they completed their expected victory over the rank outsiders, Stephen Hendry and Mike

Leading by 11-2 overnight in the best of 23 frames final yesterday's third session was little more than a formality Hallett and Hendry, however did manage to keep them waiting for a few extra minutes before the Londoners could make sure of the trophy

opening frame of the day, and built on that advantage.

into the top pocket